

Research and Scholarship Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 3, 2019, 1-2pm in BU 449

Attendance: Elliott Horch (Chair), Sousan Arafeh, Chuck Barow, Lisa Bier, Christine Broadbridge, Siobhan Carter-David, Jeremy Chandler, Sandip Dutta, James Kearns (recording), Jennifer McCullagh, Yulie Pang, Elena Schmitt, Amy Taylor, Jonathan Wharton, Jonathan Weinbaum, Bo Zamfir, and Victoria Zigmont.

1. Sign-in and Call to Order at 1:00pm
2. Brief Welcome by the Chair and Member Introductions
3. News from DRI and SPAR
 - a. Christine Broadbridge

Dr. Broadbridge presented a powerpoint about the Division of Research and Innovation (DRI). There are several centers for research excellence. There is a task force for research protection. There was another document distributed that is entitled "2019 - 2020 Research and Creative Activity Events" to make members aware of research related events on campus over the academic year.

- b. Amy Taylor

Amy Taylor's mission is to grow, manage and protect funding for research at SCSU. There are currently 200 projects that SPAR is managing (both internally and externally funded). External funding has tripled in the last three years. The funding agencies include: NSF, NIH, NASA, and Department of Education. The common application is R15 applications.

4. Consideration of the minutes of the May 1, 2019 meeting of the RSAC
 - a. Vote on approval of the minutes

The minutes were approved.

Jennifer McCullagh and James Kearns have renewed their position as scribes for the minutes for the RSAC meetings.

5. Subcommittee Updates

Dr. Horch gave an introduction to the formation of subcommittees.

- a. Events (Kelly Bordner)
 - b. Grad Student Travel Grants

- c. Undergraduate Research Grants (and Research Assistantships)
- d. Faculty Research Awards

Dr. Horch asked if faculty wanted to combine the process of reviewing student applications with faculty applications.

- e. Ad-hoc (Statistical Support -- Sousan Arafeh)

Dr. Arafeh explained her effort to gather resources for assessment and analytics for research at SCSU. Dr. Horch mentioned that Dr. Ray Mugno and Dr. Julie Pang (a member of RSAC) have performed pro bono work to assist faculty and graduate students with statistics and mathematics. Ray has mentioned that the best time for him to assist is during the summer. If there was money allocated for this process it would facilitate these collaborations. There was a discussion about methods to secure this money. Dr. Horch encouraged Dr. Arafeh to petition the administration for partial or seed money and pledged to help.

- f. Other?

6. Subcommittee Assignments

Dr. Horch passed around a sign-up sheet for joining a sub-committee.

- a. Events
- b. Student Awards
- c. Faculty Awards
- d. Any new Ad-hoc?

No new ad-hoc work was identified.

7. Chair's upcoming meeting with the Provost

A question was raised, is the load credit associated with research fair across departments? How does this impact research on campus and retention of faculty?

- a. Comments from the committee members on important topics to discuss
8. Adjourn 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by James Kearns.