 COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH  
Amended Minutes  
Oct. 27, 2016 

Present: Jeff Seitz, Cristian Gaedicke, Jiming Wu, Albert Gonzalez, Jenny O (chair), Jeffra Bussmann, Helen Zong, Xeno Rasmusson, Kate Bell (secretary).

1. Approval of the agenda  
   a. Jeffra Bussmann, Christian Gaedicke

2. Approval of 10/13/16 minutes  
   a. Correction to minutes – 1) title of Presidential Appointee is VP of research and sponsored programs; 2) Closing for ORSP admin positions is date Nov. 1  
   b. Amended minutes: Moved Jeffra Bussmann, second Albert Gonzalez

3. Report of the Chair  
   a. Jenny O attended FAC to discuss the as-yet unnamed research fellowship program (originally called Teacher-Scholar program) that FAC and CR are jointly planning to propose. Discussions included whether to exclude first-year faculty. Jeff Seitz suggested that it may be most fair to exclude everyone untenured so as not to advantage some in the RTP process. This program could also be part of efforts to build a culture of mentoring. Jenny O noted that people have assigned time for research in years 1-2 but not in years 3-6 of the tenure process. She said FAC is interested in building scope and overall capacity for research on campus. The draft will take this into account.  
   b. Two vacant spots on CR, the CLASS opening now filled by Xeno Rasmusson for the remainder of fall quarter.  
   c. InfoReady system for reviewing FSG applications is online, with some delays getting approvals from chairs and deans. The new deadline for CR members to review the fall crop of FSG applications is end of business Monday, Oct. 31.
4. Report of the Presidential appointee
   a. Jeff Seitz also noted that InfoReady still getting up and running, awaiting approvals from some deans and chairs. CR will review some applications manually without InfoReady.
   b. Candidates for the Director of Center for Student research candidates will be interviewed with start date in January.
   c. Director for grant admin position still needs to be filled.
   d. Faculty Workload Task Force – Jeff will sit on task force at the Provost’s request.

5. Business
   a. Jenny O raised the possibility of establishing specific goals for CR for 2016-2017 to accomplish by year’s end. Identify research culture.
      i. JO – noted the committee has not yet looked at data from discussion forums in spring 2016. Committee could begin with that data, look at themes and decide next steps.
      ii. JS noted that the strategic planning task force report for research on campus is five years old. CSUEB Foundation discussed in report now exists only on paper. The Committee could develop a new strategic plan. Stephanie Couch and Jeff Seitz came up with a draft plan to focus mostly on student research and faculty research. CR could use that to focus on student research climate on campus. CR/ORSP could conduct another survey regarding research culture and begin to develop longitudinal data. The last planning task for also did focus groups.
      iii. CR did a survey of new faculty last year and some new faculty reported that their department chair did not want them involved in significant research.
      iv. JO–JS to compile data that exists so CR can assess plans and tools for gathering additional data on research climate. Xeno Rasmusson, Jenny O suggested CR members could collaborate and also publish its findings as peer-reviewed research.
6. Discussion
   a. Possible FSG extension from 2015-16 – Faculty member requesting extension on FSG awarded 2015 – unable to begin due to university delay in purchasing equipment. JO-JS will look at original application to determine recommendation to Provost.
   b. “Teacher-Scholar” program draft
      i. JO provided a draft of possible parameters for the program, including that:
         1. Awardees could pilot and test a research model and pass on their experience to the next generation of awardees. Awardees would be selected from different categories that capture different kinds of research and professional activity.
         2. Awardees could apply based on a model of different kinds of research, and build their application based on that model – ie student research, creative arts activity.
         3. Xeno Rasmusson suggested that cohorts in the program could provide a good foundation for building research communities.
      ii. CR will need to determine the scope that is envisioned and then seek an indication of support from the Provost. The committee discussed options, including 50% release time (18 quarter, 12 semester; $1,200/WTU in quarters, $1,800/WTU in semesters). 2-1-1 in quarter system, over three years. The committee discussed how many awards could be given concurrently and whether the program could run yearly or at some other interval, whether progress reports would be required and what they would entail, whether recipients would or could work on common research issues together – ie applying for external funding, grant applications; finding funders.
      iii. JO suggested CR could look at alternative structures toward capacity building, such as requirements that awardees run workshop sessions on their area of focus.
      iv. JS noted that student-centered research is important to the Provost.
v. Committee discussed whether the primary focus of this program would be building research capacity or about building individual capacity. Members noted that research capacity is related to student success.

vi. At next meeting CR will put concrete options on the table based on discussions from this meeting.

vii. Possible name: Jeff Seitz suggested it be called *Faculty-Scholar Program.*

7. Adjournment – 3:50 p.m.