Committee on Research

APPROVED Minutes April 27, 2017 SA 4600

Member Attendees: Reza Akhavian, Cristian Gaedeke, Jiming Wu, Helen Zong, Elena Dukhovny, Albert Gonzalez, Kate Bell, Jeff Seitz, Jeffra Bussman

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Approval of the agenda
   - Jeff Seitz, Albert Gonzalez

2. Approval of 4/13/17 minutes
   - Reza Akhavian, second by Jeff Seitz, all in favor (Kate Bell abstaining)

3. Report of the Chair (by AG)
   - Jenny O is at Student Research Competition at Cal Poly SLO
   - Recommendation to ExCom to review Institute for STEM Education re-charter document has been sent to Chair Karplus
   - FSG submission window closed yesterday; available to CR May 11

4. Report of the Presidential Appointee
   - We got over 60 applications for FSGs:
     - 40 applications for release time, 16 can be funded.
     - For mini-grants, had 22 applications, but can fund 34, so most or all will be funded. There may be a possibility of using left-over money for a small competition in the fall. The reason to have two separate streams is that there is one source of money that doesn’t allow for release time.
     - FSG evaluation timeline: (JS) applications are currently being routed to deans for their approval; by May 11, proposals will be available for review, CR members can choose which they want to review; reviews will be due by May 25th, then go to Provost. Recipients can start spending $ on July 1st, course releases will start in the Fall.
     - MR: Last ExCom meeting is before May 25th. This should not be a problem for FSG decisions, we are not likely to need to bring any issues to ExCom.
     - AG brought up potentially dividing FSG application reviews by area. JS reported that, historically, committee members can choose what they review, and applicants are asked to submit narratives that are readable to colleagues from other departments. CR members may recuse themselves from reading applications from close colleagues if there is a conflict of interest.
• There was a discussion about the kind of research that gets funded via FSG – qualitative vs. quantitative. There may be a perception that qualitative research is under-funded through FSG. Suggestions: report data on which departments are applying, which departments are getting funded; outreach to humanities / social sciences; adjusting FSG rubric to be a better fit for qualitative research

5. Business

a. CSUEB Research culture survey review and approval of final draft

• Committee went over survey document for minor editing / word changes. Among major changes, “questions for administrators” section was removed.
• AG moved to approve the survey and move to Jenny O. KB seconded, all in favor, no abstentions. Survey is approved.

6. Discussion

a. PSP – next step? AG suggests a possible publication based on the work on this survey and created table of data sources (how a small-medium university might go about improving its research culture). Possibly as a sub-committee? A separate project? Sub-committee can’t meet during the summer, so this would have to be an informal project.

7. Adjournment

AG adjourns.