4/11/19
APPROVED MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Present: Amy Furniss, Jeffra Bussmann, Reza Akhavian, Natalie Ingraham, Surendra Sarnikar, Jeff Seitz, Brian Gonsalves

1) Approval of the agenda
   a) Agenda updated to include discussion of China America Business and Education Center
   b) Motion: Jeffra, Second: Katie. Approved.

2) Approval of 3/28/19 minutes
   a) Slight modification to discussion of online grant material – only purchased, not yet “rolled out”. Updated by Mark.

3) Reports
   a) Report of the Chair
      i) FAC discussion to change time of CR meetings. This topic is currently between 1st and 2nd reading within the committee. More details provided within academic senate minutes.
      ii) Open access movement continues. There have been discussions of how this policy may depend on. The committee will meet with FAC to discuss the policy. It is likely that it will be pushed for official policy status for next year.
      iii) Zachary Meade, a student on board of directors in sustainability affairs is a guest as a student representative. The CR went through introductions, and discussed general committees and sub-committees that would have student representatives. According to documentation, there are supposed to be 4 student representatives on a sub-committee of the CR. The sub-committee has not met this year, or last, which explains why there are no student representatives on the committee. There is no
clear charge for this committee in the CR P&P documentation. The CR encouraged Zachary to connect with the CSR.

b) Report of the Presidential appointee

i) Deadline for FSG has passed. There were 39 submitted applications, which is within expectations. If there is any money in the budget remaining after this cycle, there is the intention to have a competition in the Fall as early as possible, with the possibility to set aside a portion of the funds for brand-new faculty. All CR members are encouraged to communicate with their departments and Deans upon new hire offers. The CR agrees that we could think about a way to get the information of these opportunities to new faculty, specifically with regard to the rubric and review process.

ii) ORSP is going to run a summer grant bootcamp in July. The opportunity will pay faculty $4000 over 3 weeks of fulltime work on grant formulation. The pay schedule would be something like $2k at end of 3 weeks, and $2k upon submission of proposal.

iii) There is more funding for CSR – funding from legislation from graduation 2025 program.

iv) Jeff will miss next meeting.

v) Reminder that week of scholarship is coming up from April 15-20th.

4) Old Business:

a) Center for Professional Excellence in Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism

i) revised

ii) It was agreed that all concerns on the document were addressed in updated document.

iii) The document has already been approved for movement to the next step.

b) China America Business and Education Center

i) revised

ii) The revised document has an added figure, added new section on history, added section on benefits to students.

iii) The document has already been approved for movement to the next step.

5) Business

a) Service on FSG Review Subcommittee

i) Jeffra will recruit reviewers from past recipients. The committee members reviewing will be Katie and Reza.
ii) Timeline for chair and deal approvals is next Friday. There is hope that by this point the reviewers will have been assigned and after approval the submissions can automatically sent to reviewers.

b) Re-charter proposal for the Center for Student Research (2:30 PM time certain w/ Jenny O)

i) Jenny O and CR went around with introductions.

ii) Jenny O gave a good summary of the Center: student development and success program.

   With the program, the students can enhance research skills outside of the classroom, to help with research and professional realm. There are currently 200 scholars per year with 4 levels. The center looks for students demonstrating strong desire for academic growth. Students earn scholarship support and/or travel and supplies. The program is organized under pay tables, where students earn a certain amount by completing very specific tasks that contribute to development as a researcher. The center very importantly offers opportunities to revise work and resubmit, making it a learning process in itself.

iii) There were no questions on the document. It is complete.

iv) An idea was expressed that maybe there could be the organization of a Back to the Bay information session on CSR for faculty to voluntarily attend. Alternatively a recording on the program could be created.

v) Motion to approve: Jeffra, Second: Natalie. Approved. Jeff abstained.

6) Adjournment

   a) Motion: Katie, Second: Reza. Approved.