AMENDED minutes
Committee on Research Meeting, 9/13/18

Present: Jeffra Bussmann, Reza Akhavian, Amy Furniss (by phone), Jeremiah Garretson, Brian Gonsalves, Natalie Ingraham, Surendra Sarnika, Jeff Seitz (by phone), Kate Strom. Guests: Julie Glass and Katrina Nichols.

1. Approval of the agenda
   Motioned by Natalie, seconded by Jeremiah. Approved.

2. Approval of 8/23/18 minutes
   Motioned by Surendra, seconded by Reza. Approved.

3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair
      i. Concern about probationary faculty being ineligible for release time through FSG, but also ineligible through the new Provost program.
   b. Report of the Presidential appointee
      i. None

4. Business
   a. FSG criteria and probationary faculty (guest: Julie Glass, time certain 2:30pm)
      i. Tenured faculty and lecturers are allowed to apply for release time, with no restrictions. The Provost release time pilot program does have restrictions (cannot go below 9 units, and there is a minimum FTES in spring semester). There is also an issue for programs that teach four unit courses, in that faculty from these programs cannot get a course release from these programs, which provide 3 units. Jeff framed the goal of the shift in the FSG in emphasis towards all faculty. Julie proposed that there should not be different (and more onerous) restrictions on probationary faculty, which is what the current system is doing. The two programs cannot be combined under the current rules, and there are no exemptions to the 9-unit minimum. Jeffra suggested that we could draft a document framing these concerns and making suggestions about the Provost’s
program. Along these lines, faculty could check with their department chairs to see if there are examples of junior faculty who might be excluded from the pilot program.

b. **Policies and Procedures for CR**
   
i. Final review. Document was reviewed, and some suggestions were made for small changes. These will be made prior to the next meeting, at which point the final approval will be made.

c. **FSG subcommittee**
   
i. Natalie, Surendra, Brian, Amy volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.
   
ii. A second call will be occurring in about a week, with a deadline around a month after the call. This FSG will be targeted providing release time to probationary faculty not on the Provost’s pilot program, since these faculty were ineligible for release time on the 9/12/18 FSG submission. Jeff will compose the RFP and forward it to the CR chair for major concerns only. The 3 restrictions will be: 1) must be probationary faculty; 2) must not be eligible for Provost’s pilot program; 3) Must use some of FSG funds for release time. There will be $60000 available for likely 10 awards.

d. **Faculty Author Rights Task Force**
   
i. Jeffra asked for volunteers to serve on a task force to create a University policy document for the retention of faculty author rights. Brian and Natalie volunteered. Jeffra will follow up on procedures for adding Lana Wood (Library) and Vanessa Yingling (kinesiology) to the task force.

5. **Adjournment**
   
a. Jeremiah motioned to adjourn, Kate seconded. Approved.