COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

APPROVED minutes

Thursday, September 27, 2018

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

1. Approval of the agenda - Reza motioned, Kate seconded. Approved.


3. Reports
   a. Report of the Chair
      i. CR document sent to the Senate regarding survey of deans on workload policies was accepted, with a question about whether the deans were reporting what is actually done versus what they would like to do.
      ii. DMP tool is now available to CSUEB to create a data management plan for researchers. URL: dmptool.org
   b. Report of the Presidential appointee
      i. 35 applications to first FSG call. Nearly half are from probationary faculty. Awaiting deans’ approval before review by CR can proceed.
      ii. New RFP for next FSG went out, due Oct. 12. For probationary faculty who are not receiving release time from the Provost’s pilot program.
      iii. Early Career Faculty Research Support Program. This is a new program aimed at creating workshops and support services to assist faculty in
research and obtaining extramural funding, in collaboration with Faculty Development.

iv. PI meeting 10/16 at ORSP. Open to everyone. Announcement will appear in the Academic Affairs newsletter.

4. Business
   a. Policies and Procedures for CR
      i. Final review
         1. The only change is to Article V, Section 1. Changing the date for when the CR will commence meetings, to reflect the earlier start time under semesters. Motion to make the change by Jeffra, seconded by Jeremiah. Approved unanimously. This document will become 18-19 CR 5.
   b. 18-19 CR 3: Faculty Author Rights Task Force
      i. Motion to forward to ExCom by Jeffra, seconded by Kate. Approved unanimously.
   c. 18-19 CR 4: Proposed IRB membership
      i. The document adds a new member to IRB. Kate motioned to forward this to ExCom, Natalie seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. Discussion
   a. Assigned time for research and scholarship pilot memo
      i. Opening of discussion of the possibility of CR providing some suggestions or guidance to the Provost regarding the new pilot program for assigned time for research and scholarship.
         1. Amy asked a question about whether the requirement for minimum FTES would disadvantage some faculty in terms of eligibility.
         2. Kate mentioned that this is particularly an issue for doctoral programs, which are very work intensive, but do not meet these SFR requirements. This makes these faculty ineligible for the Provost’s program.
         3. Jeremiah mentioned that the program might de-incentivize faculty from pursuing outside grants for release time.
4. Reza suggested that a better understanding of the Provost’s rationale for creating the program as it stands might help understand how to frame these issues.

5. Amy suggested that it might be useful to have examples of faculty teaching schedules that would create an eligibility issue because of the failure to meet the minimum 9-unit requirement. This is an issue for departments with 4-unit classes.

6. Kate suggested that these issues are very important from a faculty recruitment standpoint – positioning ourselves as a hybrid teaching-scholarship institution.

   ii. CR will re-visit this in the next meeting, and organize the questions and issues into a document, with the goal of inviting the Provost or Associate Provost to a future CR meeting.

6. Adjournment - Kate motioned, Reza seconded. Approved.