

COMMITTEE: 2018/2019 Research/Creative Activities Committee

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 4:00pm, Rawl 303

PERSON PRESIDING: Zac Domire, Chair of the Committee

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Alice Richman, Zac Domire, Martin Reardon, Michele Stacey, Andrew Grodner, Seodial Deena, Michael Schinasi, Maureen Grady, Shouquan Huo, Mary Farwell

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chal Benson, Jay Morris

ACTIONS OF MEETING

1. Approve March Minutes (attached) All approved.
2. RCA Awardees. Mary Farwell will send an official note to RCA awardees with details of spending rules and encourage early spending of awards if possible. Also send on ECU Official
3. Review revised policy on ECU Institutes and Centers. Discussion around the need for faculty involvement on approval of centers/institutes. This policy document should describe the composition of the Centers and Institutes Committee.
 - Motion to add the composition of the Centers and Institutes Committee to the revised policy on ECU Institutes and Centers. (Michael Schinasi) Second (Maureen Grady) All approved.
 - A second motion to ensure a faculty representative is part of the Centers and Institutes Committee (Michael Schinasi) Second (Seodial Deena). All approved.

Document approved contingent on the above motions and appropriate copy editing.

4. Discussion on RCA grants for 2019/2020
 - Funding. Funding rate of proposals is low. Is the total funding amount worth the work that goes into this process?
 - Evaluation. Need to construct evaluation of awards to better understand implication of RCA awards on additional funding/publications/presentations etc..
 - Eligibility. Should fixed term faculty be eligible for funding? Difference between teaching fixed-term and research fixed term. Should people with start up funds be eligible? We need to further specify our eligibility criteria as well as the aims of the RCA awards.
 - Need to follow-up on this discussion before the proposal is released next year.
 - Table this discussion for next year.

Next Meeting: **xxx** at 4pm