

**COMMITTEE:** 2021/2022 Research/Creative Activities Committee

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:00 PM, via Teams

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Joi Walker, Committee Chair

**REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Amanda Haberstroh, Ariane Peralta, Cynthia Grace-McCaskey, Jeffrey Skibins, Joi Walker, Kimberly Anderson, Linda Bolin, Peng Xiao, Trang Tran, William Sugar

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Alex Manda, Chal Benson, Kathryn Verbanac, Paul Toriello, Rachel Roper

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Racher Baker, Mary Farwell

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## **ACTIONS OF MEETING**

1. Minutes of November meeting was reviewed and approved.
2. Dr. Joi Walker, Committee Chair, informed that both Patent Policy and Research Participant Payment had been approved by Senate.
3. Dr. Mary Farwell made a short Faculty Reassignments Award presentation:
  - Two types of awards: Faculty Reassignments Awards (FRA) and Faculty Reassignments Awards in Arts and Humanities (FRA AH). The latter applies for Art, Design, English, Philosophy and History.
  - FRA AH in 2017 - present: out of 23 proposals submitted, 10 were awarded with about \$475,000.
  - FRA in 2017 - present: out of 84 proposals submitted, 64 were awarded with about \$3.2 million.
  - That was followed by discussion - How to encourage faculty to submit applications?
4. Dr. Rachel Roper proposed the resolution for graduate student stipend given the fact that the stipend ECU's graduate students have is relatively low.
  - ECU will increase student stipends to be more competitive with other universities in NC.
  - If a faculty member could pay a higher salary, ECU will not limit the amount of stipend a faculty member may pay for a graduate student.
  - That was followed by discussion.
5. Dr. Kathryn Verbanac shared REDE updates that includes, but is not limited to: REDE position under recruitment, High Performance Computing, ABT narrative framework course, RCAW, URCA grant, and Faculty Analytic Needs Task Force
6. Adjournment

Next Meeting, Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm via Teams