

COMMITTEE: 2021/2022 Research/Creative Activities Committee

MEETING DATE: Thursday, Jan. 20th, 2021 at 4:00 PM, via Teams

PERSON PRESIDING: Kimberly Anderson, Committee Member

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: [update] Kimberly Anderson, Cynthia Grace-McCaskey, Ariane Peralta, Amanda Haberstroh, Jeffrey Skibins, Peng Xiao, Uduak Akpan, Peng Xiao

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker

ACTIONS OF MEETING

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1. New Secretary – Amanda Haberstroh (Ariane taking minutes just for today ☺)
2. Ariane Peralta – [RI designation document](#), presentation (based on [SLIDES](#))
 - a. Questions from the committee
 - i. How is RI designation different from independent study?
 - AP answered (but needs to be checked)
 - Independent study courses are case-by-case contract specified, whereas RI is a specific course in the catalog and has gone through Curriculog and Curriculum Committee.
 - ii. How big are the classes that have the RI designation?
 - AP answered (but needs to be checked)
 - Minimum would be what the rules are for courses
 - iii. How does this relate to CUREs – Is RI interchangeable with CUREs?
 - AP answered (but needs to be checked)
 - CUREs that meet the criteria would be labeled RI
 - iv. Add hypothesis to bullet 3 of RI designation criteria
 - AP edited RI document to reflect this suggestion
3. Kathy Verbanac made a short [Faculty Reassignments Award](#) presentation:
 - a. Reviewed the Faculty Assignment Award
 - i. Cleared up wording on the goal of award
 - ii. Drafted as having one call (June) and due date would be September (for 9-month faculty)
 - Perhaps release solicitation by April to make sure to catch faculty before end of semester (Roper)
 - iii. Discussed how these awards can apply to faculty who do not have courses to buyout
 - Can you give supply money for those who can't have course release? (Roper)
 - Discuss how these awards can be used for arts/music
 - iv. Award needs to be completed within 12 months
 - Revisit b/c too short

- v. Added to solicitation – Advisory panel for proposal preparation
 - b. **Homework for RCA committee** – please read document [Faculty Reassignments Award](#) for next meeting
- 4. Amanda Haberstroh – [Research Misconduct Policy](#)
 - a. Reviewed document and provided areas for clarification
 - b. Emphasized need for clarifying and tighter language to decrease chance of bias and miscommunication (ex. Section 5.8 – ‘good faith’ language, respondent should be treated with ‘good faith’ as well)
 - c. Raised issue regarding retaliation (section 5.16) – revisit section and provide details on boundaries. Example, this policy does not protect individual from retaliation but instead should be the purview of research misconduct committee
 - i. Verbanac raised question/concerns about this recommendation and provided suggestion that it was clear where the individual should go
 - ii. Roper and others suggested – Make sure to put in place clear language to protect from retaliation – refer to the officer/committee that does deal with retaliation/whistleblower protection.
 - d. Confidentiality – when is it initiated?
 - i. Is it initiated once the confidentiality agreement is signed?
 - Recommending that confidentiality should begin once complaint is made and should not be discussed beyond inquiry committee.
 - e. Needed clarification regarding section 11.8 ‘time to completion’
 - i. Too much time permitted
 - ii. Recommendation: requirement for length of time is clarified –
 - There is 90 calendar days for initial decision on allegation (move forward to investigation or not);
 - If decision is not reached within 90 calendar days, then allegation dismissed.
 - a. Verbanac comment – wording should make clear that at 90 days a decision is made (rather than automatically dismissed)
- 5. Kathy Verbanac – REDE UPDATES
 - REDE POSITIONS
 - New Hires on boarding
 - Laura Sloan – Assistant University Attorney (Contracts, etc.)
 - Kim Tilghman – Public Communications Specialist
 - Under recruitment (same as last month)
 - Faculty Hires and Startup Packages resuming
 - Jan 25, 5 pm Stem@Starlight – “Low-Cost Water Sensors” virtual event with speakers from NCSU and MIT
 - Jan. 26, 9:30 am – OFE grant-writing series “Advice from those who serve on extramural grant review panels”
 - Jan 27, 9 am-noon Racial Equity: the Groundwater Approach REI Training – register in Cornerstone
 - Jan 28, Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities (URCA) Grant Deadline
 - Feb. 9, 8 am – Celebration of Research and Scholarship (CORAS; SoDM) – Jan 24 Abstract Deadline
 - Feb 15 – RCAW ABSTRACT submission deadline for RCAW presentation April4-8, 2022
 - March 16, 5 pm Research & Scholarship Awards Ceremony –
 - Lifetime and 5-year RCA Awards, SOE award, Inventors
 - Outstanding Research Scholars and Artists

6. Minutes (with amendment) of December meeting were reviewed and approved.
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting, Thursday, February 17th at 4 pm via Teams