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


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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker

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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?
   b. Questions from the committee
      i. 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
     o New Hires on boarding
       ▪ Laura Sloan – Assistant University Attorney (Contracts, etc.)
       ▪ Kim Tilghman – Public Communications Specialist
     o 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 April 4-8, 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