

COMMITTEE: 2021/2022 Research/Creative Activities Committee

MEETING DATE: Thursday, Mar. 17th, 2022 at 4:00 PM, via Teams

PERSON PRESIDING: Joi Walker, Committee Chair

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: [update] Kimberly Anderson, Amanda Haberstroh, Jeffrey Skibins, Uduak Akpan, Linda Bolin, Juan Manuel Escourido

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker, Michael Van Scott

ACTIONS OF MEETING

February 2022 subfolder

1. Approval of January minutes – by acclamation
2. Sponsored Programs Summary – presentation by Michael Van Scott
 - a. Expenditures are rising
 - b. Would love to get to 22% for Effective F&A, but about 50% of our awards are not for research – they are for other purposes
 - c. Size per award has increased considerably since 2016
 - d. Conversion rate has gone up as well. Better and bigger proposals and they are getting funded.
 - e. About 700 proposals last year, with funding up as well
 - f. NSF HERD Survey – primary way universities are compared for research – has been rising steadily over time, and our increase in ranking over time from 238 to 192 from 2015 to 2020
 - g. Grant-active faculty – about 30% of TTF on extramurally funded grants – the national average for research universities – very positive for ECU
 - h. Budget – 4 pots of money
 - i. State personnel ~ 33%
 - ii. F&A/Grants/Trust Funds Operating ~ 4%
 - iii. State Operating ~ 20%
 - iv. F&A/Grants/Trust Funds Personnel ~ 43%
 - i. FY21 Expenses = \$9.1 M
 - j. State budget is what it is – keeps going down
 - k. F&A – in 2020 – had a negative margin of \$5M
 - l. F&A allocations – Standard is that REDE gets 70% - 10 College, 10 department, 10 Investigators
 - m. Over time, as F&A has gone up, REDE has retained less, and more has gone out to units
 - n. Turns out that remote work is good for the budget – expenditures have been way down
 - o. Increase in revenue – bringing in more F&A than expected
 - p. Have faculty that haven't been hired.
 - q. Looking good in margin for 2022 – will end the year with high residuals
 - r. If don't get state monies to cover start-up costs, then we have to pay out of F&A
 - s. Overall, we look pretty good for next year
 - i. RR – research clusters are not going forward – why not?
 - ii. Never had as many as planned – were developed to promote interdisciplinary

- research
 - iii. Some of them never launched, some did and weren't successful, some launched and were successful
 - iv. Many are sunseting – some have been absorbed into existing centers and institutes
 - t. PowerPoint from MVS will be in our agenda folder.
 - i. Going forward, what does REDE support need to look like?
 - ii. How do we raise scholarship across the university, not just in those places that bring in F&A?
3. Faculty Support and Reassignment Award
 - a. Due date of 9/15 – should be moved up to 9/1/22 – gives the committee time to evaluate and give the awards and gives chairs time to make adjustments for spring semester
 - b. Will announce the award in 2 weeks – gives people 5 months to write their proposals
 - c. Need to make sure that all faculty understand that this is meant to be inclusive of all faculty
 - d. Does not have to be voted on at faculty senate since it is not part of our charge
 - e. Will be presented to faculty senate and they will help to get the word out
 4. Committee approves the Faculty Support and Reassignment Award by acclamation
 5. REDE Report – Kathy Verbanac
 - a. In-person awards last night – can get to the website through REDE website to see page from the awards night
 - b. NC ACRE – next topic is health impacts of climate change – will send registration link to the committee
 - c. RCAW is coming up – still a need for judges, especially in the arts
 - d. Last STEM at Starlight – at the DAP House – working on a collaboration between dental and engineering, 5-6:30 Monday 4/16
 6. April – will have the Research Conduct Policy to revisit one more time
 7. RR – the event last night was really nice, but shouldn't we be involved in planning that? Awarded grants didn't get mentioned, but awarded patents were. Patents actually cost the university money.
 - a. Can we have someone represent the committee at the awards ceremony?
 8. Adjournment at 4:48.
 9. Next meeting is April 21 at 4PM