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 Bolín, Juan Manuel Escourido

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker, Michael Van Scott

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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
iii. Some of them never launched, some did and weren’t successful, some launched and were successful
iv. Many are sunsetting – 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?
9. Next meeting is April 21 at 4PM