

Research and Creative Activities Committee Organizational Meeting

August 31, 2023

Attendance:

Regular Members: Rashmita Basu, Juan Escourido, Yeliz Eseryel, Anna Froula, Young Joo Kim, Jeffrey Skibins, Joi Walker, Edmund Wall, Baohong Zhang

Ex-officio Members: Mary Farwell, Alex Manda, Alex Schoemann

Others in attendance: Anne Ticknor (Chair of the Faculty), Rachel Baker

Anne Ticknor, Chair of the Faculty, opened the meeting and facilitated introductions. Rachel Baker then showed committee members how to access their [committee website](#). Chair Ticknor highlighted information in two documents available to the committee in their Team files (the Guide to Faculty Senate Academic Committee Service and Guide to Committee Voting and Faculty Senate Reports).

Regular voting members of the RCAC committee were nominated for three positions: Chair of the committee, Vice-chair of the committee, and Secretary. Yeliz Eseryel was nominated by Joi Walker, accepted the nomination, and was elected Chair of the committee. Veeranna Maddipati was nominated by Eseryel and elected Vice-Chair of the committee *in absentia* (so the result will be finalized upon confirmation of acceptance), and Edmund Wall was nominated by Walker, accepted the nomination, and was elected Secretary of the committee. Juan Escourido was nominated, accepted the nomination, and was elected for inclusion in the Committee on Copyrights.

Ticknor directed the committee to review their business for the academic year. Ticknor directed the committee to review Salary Savings from Sponsored Programs. Ticknor and the committee also discussed the status of the Research Intensive designation proposal and the revision to the committee's charge, which were approved by Faculty Senate at the April meeting. Ticknor said there had been a question about some of the background information presented in the course designation materials and that had held up the initial approval, but she had consulted with the Provost to clear those questions up and had received assurances that the Chancellor should be issuing an approval of those documents soon. When the Chancellor's letter arrives, Ticknor will get back to RCAC on it and will answer any questions from the committee. Applications from faculty for RI designated courses will then be submitted to the committee. Once the RI designation is confirmed, Baker will update the resolution listing and the committee charge. Ticknor mentioned that in addition to executing the committee charge, we may also at any time decide to revise the committee charter.

Ticknor said that RCAC will be reviewing applications (due September 1st) for the 2024 Faculty Support and Reassignment Awards for Research and Creative Activity. Eseryel then took charge of the meeting at that time. She suggested that committee subgroups (tentatively, HUMANITIES, HEALTH, and STEM) would review those applications, but first she and Walker would look at the applications to determine how many review groups would be necessary. Chairs of the subgroups also would have to be determined. Possible deadlines on the reviews were considered, and Walker explained that department

chairs must submit their schedules in September. Eseryel acknowledged this and said that she will email committee members and inform them of the schedule, timelines, and details for reviewing applications.

Eseryel moved to continue to hold RCAC meetings this semester at 4:00pm on Thursdays. Escourido seconded. The committee approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.

Submitted by Wall.