

UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Research Committee , 2015-2016

Number of Meetings Held this Year: 1 – 04/06/2016, Several e-mail discussions

Committee Chair: Subash Jonnalagadda, Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSM

Committee Members: (list here)

1	Subash Jonnalagadda	Chair, Faculty - CSM
2	Mary J. Gallant	Faculty-Humanities/SS
3	Carol Thompson	Faculty-Education
4	Robert D'Intino	Faculty-Business
5	Sun Young Park	Faculty-Comm/Creative Arts
6	Davide Ceriani	Faculty-Performing Arts
7	Yusuf Mehta	Faculty- Engineering
8	Gustavo Moura-Letts	Faculty-Math/Science
9	Charlene J. Williams	Faculty-CMSRU
10	Jun Liu	Faculty-SOM
11	Eric Gregory	IRB rep/AFT
12	Lark Perez*	IBC rep
13	Alison Krufka	IACUC rep
14	Michelle Kowalski	Professional Staff/Librarian
15	Crowther, Rebecca	SGA

Purpose of/Charge to Committee:

The research committee monitors research and research services on campus to identify and address issues of research interest. The committee makes recommendations for (I) promoting research and research awareness on campus; (II) meeting resource needs for research; and (III) establishing policies to ensure that research related issues on campus are addressed appropriately. The committee solicits, compiles and disseminates input from the campus community to ensure that the faculty, staff, students, and administration are aware of current research efforts, resources, and challenges.

Summary of Activities this Year:

Research committee members worked together and consulted with members from the Colleges, professional staff, students, and the Office of Research throughout the academic year. The committee participated in the following activities:

1. **Basic Research Support** Issues were discussed with Office of Research personnel: Dr. Shreekanth Mandayam, Vice President for Research and Stephen Robishaw.
2. Provided feedback on the **RU Seed Funding** proposal guidelines for 2016 with particular emphasis on deliverables of the proposals.
3. Provided feedback on the RU Seed Funding review guidelines with regard to the peer review process.
4. Reviewed **RU Seed Funding** application materials. Performed the RU Seed Funding review process and provided reviews and feedback to the Office of Research. Awards will be announced in May 2016.

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SUGGESTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

2015-16

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SUGGESTIONS:

1. Continue discussion on basic research support issues with all the relevant stakeholders including faculty at Rowan Glassboro, SOM, and CMSRU campuses.
2. The committee should facilitate and encourage efforts to foster new inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary collaborations so as to advance Rowan University's mission as a 'research university'.
3. Discuss ways to engage and enhance undergraduate/graduate student research opportunities on all the campuses.
4. Work collaboratively with Technological Resources Committee and discuss efforts to improve research support especially in terms of technology and computing.

5. Explore the possibility of updating the RU Seed Funding program guidelines – with particular focus on (a) the role of the peer reviewers as well as the eligibility criteria for identifying the peer reviewers for the proposals and (b) reporting requirements for the deliverables and outcomes of successfully funded proposals.