

## UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**Committee Name: Senate Research**

2016-17

Number of Meetings Held this Year: 2 full committee meetings; 3 chair meetings with research office and library research staff

Committee Chair: Robert S. D'Intino, Dept. Management & Entrepreneurship

Committee Members: (list here)

Harriet Hartman	Faculty-Humanities /Social Sciences	
Stephanie Abraham	Faculty-Education	
Robert D'Intino	Faculty-Business	
John Feaster	Faculty-Communication /Creative Arts	
Sarah Ferguson	Faculty- Engineering	
DJ Angelone/Papachristou, B.	Faculty-Science/Math	
Charlene Williams	Faculty-CMSRU	
Yelena S. Shifman	Faculty	
Xia Liu	Faculty	
Greg Hecht	Faculty	
Hieu Nguyen	Faculty	
Michelle Kowalski	Librarian	
Eric Gregory	AFT Representative	
Danielle Davis	SGA Representative	

### ***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 faculty and professional staff members from the Departments, Colleges, students, and the Office of Research throughout the academic year. The committee participated in the following activities:

**Discussion of Institutional Research Support** at Rowan University as a R3: The committee members worked to better understand the current state of faculty research support and resources.

### **Division of University Research**

- Proposal Development
- Sponsored Programs
- Research Compliance
- Graduate Research Services

**Status of Research Compliance Committees** was examined and discussed:

- Human Subjects – *Institutional Review Board* (730 studies)
  - No violations, no complaints, program is compliant with all regulations
- Animals – *Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee* (32 studies)
  - No violations, no complaints, program is compliant with all regulations
- Biological Safety – *Institutional Biological Safety Committee* (56 studies)
  - No violations, no complaints, program is compliant with all regulations

**Basic Research Support** Issues were discussed with Office of Research personnel: Dr. Shreekanth Mandayam, Vice President for Research and Stephen Robishaw, Manager, Office of Proposal Development, and other research office professional staff.

Provided feedback on the **RU Seed Funding** proposal guidelines for 2016 with particular emphasis on deliverables of the proposals and improvements for the 2017 Seed Funding program. 26 Seed funding grant proposals were submitted in 2016. The committee recommended additional Rowan University notices go out for the 2017 Seed Funding program to increase faculty participation. We succeeded as there were a total of 40 Seed Funding submissions for 2017.

Provided feedback on the RU Seed Funding review guidelines with regard to the peer review process. The workload for the committee peer review process for 2017 increased due to the increased submissions total. Three reviews are scheduled per submission.

Reviewed **RU Seed Funding** application materials. Performed and completed the Seed Funding review process and provided reviews and feedback to the Office of Research. Final awards will be announced in May 2017.

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**SUGGESTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS 2016-17**

**Name of Committee:** Research Committee

**SUGGESTIONS:**

1. Continue faculty and professional staff 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 R3 'research university'.
3. Discuss ways to engage and enhance undergraduate/graduate student research opportunities on all the campuses. Discuss the effects of the new MA, MS, and PhD degree programs on research compliance committee workloads.
4. Work collaboratively with Technological Resources Committee and discuss efforts to improve research support especially in terms of technology and computing.
5. Continue to discuss office of research proposals to improve the research presence on the Rowan web and work to improve data management of faculty researchers and their research interests and resources.
6. Continue to explore how Rowan Digital Works can help research proposals and efforts at Rowan University.