

UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Research Committee, 2018-2019

Number of Meetings Held this Year: 2 – 04/02/2019 and 04/04/2019, and several e-mail discussions

Committee Chair: Gustavo Moura-Letts, Chemistry and Biochemistry, CSM

Committee Members: (list here)

1	Gustavo Moura-Letts	Chair, Faculty - CSM
2	Jannelle Alexander	Professional Staff
3	Jeff Lenz	IRB rep - Professional Staff
4	Eduard Dedkov	Faculty - CMSRU / AFT
5	Samantha Kennedy	Professional Staff / Librarian
6	Davide Ceriani	Faculty - CPA
7	Yusuf Mehta	Faculty - RCE
8	James Grinias	Faculty - CSM
9	Matthew Pittman	Faculty - CCCA
10	Erin Pletcher	Faculty - SHP
11	Christine Poteau	Faculty - CHSS
12	Gregory Hecht	IBC rep - CSM
13	Vahid Rahmani	Faculty - RCB
14	Shilpa Rele	Professional Staff / Librarian
15	Benjamin Saracco	Librarian - CMSRU
16	Qian Sun	Faculty - CEd

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: Stephen Robishaw.
2. Provided feedback on the **RU Seed Funding** proposal guidelines for 2019 with particular emphasis on deadlines and review process.
3. Provided feedback on future internal funding mechanisms and their potential guidelines.
4. Reviewing **RU Seed Funding** application materials. The committee is in the middle of the RU Seed Funding review process and will provide reviews and feedback to the Office of Research. Awards will be announced in May 2019.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Given the recent university-wide research status changes, the committee recommends further strengthening the dialogue regarding basic research support issues between the faculty from all campuses and the Office of Research.
2. The committee in collaboration with the Office of Research should facilitate and encourage efforts to foster new inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary partnerships so as to advance Rowan University's research efforts.
3. The committee is invested in discussing the development of better mechanisms to engage and enhance undergraduate/graduate student research funding 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 reporting requirements for the deliverables and outcomes of successfully funded proposals and program timelines as new mechanism become available.