

**UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2020-21**

Committee Name: Sabbatical Committee, 2020-2021

Number of meetings held this year: 1 meeting

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

Committee Members: (list here)

1	Gustavo Moura-Letts	Chair, Faculty-CSM
2	Kelly Duke Bryant	Faculty-CHSS
3	Olcay Fatma Ilicasu	Faculty-CSM
4	Joseph D. Johnson	Faculty-Creative Arts
5	Philip R. Laporta	Faculty or Librarian
6	Qian Sun	Faculty or Librarian
7	Jennifer E. Courtney	Faculty or Librarian
8	Robert D'Intino	Faculty-College of Business
9	Carol C. Thompson	Faculty-Education
10	Amanda Adams	Librarian-AFT (non-voting)

**Purpose of/Charge to Committee:**

The Sabbatical leave committee shall conduct its review of applications for sabbatical leave, and make its recommendations to the President in accordance with the current contractual agreement.

**Summary of Activities this Year:**

Due to the pandemic limitations, the sabbatical committee was made aware that few applications would be submitted and therefore awarded.

The committee met 1 time on 11/20/20.

6 Semesters of sabbatical leave were requested by 4 applicants.

The senate committee recommended 4 applicants for sabbatical and following is the college breakdown of sabbatical leave recommendations by the senate committee:

CSM (1), CCCA(1), COB(1), COEd (1)

Due to the pandemic limitations, no sabbatical leave awards were made for this academic year.

All the applicants were notified by the provost office in writing by 02/26/2021.

## **SUGGESTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Suggestions:**

As Rowan University slowly goes back to normal, the committee anticipates a potential high volume of applications for next academic year. The committee would like to suggest a more detailed committee drafting process to allow for the selection of members that have schedules suitable for the demands of the committee.

### **Recommendations:**

The committee hopes to update the sabbatical MOA to better represent the evolving academic environment at Rowan University. As the number of applications continues to fluctuate, the committee would like to recommend the scheduling of sabbatical leave workshops (one in the spring and one in the summer) that allow the potential applicants to fully grasp the requirements for a successful proposal. As the sabbatical proposal merit review process continues to evolve, the committee also recommends that each department's chairs are also invited to attend these workshops, thus allowing their review process to fully align with the senate review.