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Council on Research Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2019
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Arts and Sciences (AS) Room 122

Robert Rosenswig, Chair

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Members present: Kumar, Satyendra (Ex Officio VPR Designee); Rosenswig, Robert (Chair); Aykanian, Amanda; Coddington, Kate; Drislane, Lisset; Minder, Justin; Morano, Carmen; Piotrowska, Monika; Trolian, Teniell

Members absent: Ernst, Jesse; Freedman, Jeff; Jahanbani, Nakissa; Jiang, Shiguo; McAndrew, Lisa; Poehlmann, Nancy; Slade, Leonard

Additional attendees: Philip, Thecla

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council on Research (CoR) Chair Robert Rosenswig at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The December 3, 2018 CoR meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Excellence in Research and Creative Activities (ERCA) Review CoR Subcommittee –membership and nomination review update (CoR vote not required)

    It was reviewed that Bill Hedberg from the Provost's Office obtains the names of President's designee and Senate's designee members. The VPR Office had initially e-mailed Bill on 10/5/18 requesting a confirmation of membership. As of 01/15/19, Bill had responded that he would confirm approved membership within the week.

    Action Item:
    Per CoR Chair Rosenswig, nominations were to be shared with CoR ERCA subcommittee members in order to begin the review process while awaiting the approved designee membership from the Provost's Office.

    Action Item:
    The CoR Chair requested that Thecla Philip / Satyen Kumar of the VPR Office inquire about the reasoning behind the current ERCA nomination procedures.

New Business

1. CoR FRAP A Award Subcommittee Recommendations – Report by Justin Minder, Chair

<u>Applications and Review Process:</u>
The Council on Research (CoR) FRAP-A Award subcommittee was comprised of faculty and researchers from various departments, colleges, and schools across the University, spanning a wide variety of areas of research expertise. The subcommittee received 13 applications recommended for funding at the school/college level. One of these applications was from a faculty member who would be ending UAlbany employment as of Spring 2019; as such, this application was not reviewed further and was not recommended for funding. Each reviewer reviewed two or three of the remaining 12 applications through the University's online portal, providing quantitative scores, qualitative feedback, and a funding recommendation. Each application was reviewed by two CoR subcommittee members, with one serving as the primary and one serving as the secondary reviewer. The subcommittee met in person on 12/11/18 from noon-2pm to discuss the applications. The subcommittee discussed each proposal individually. For each proposal, the primary reviewer provided a summary. This was followed by an open discussion among the subcommittee. Based on this group deliberation, the subcommittee arrived at a consensus recommendation for each proposal. These recommendations took one of three forms:

- Fund: A strong proposal clearly worthy of funding based on review criteria
- Fund (if possible): A proposal worthy of support, but with at least one significant weakness based on review criteria
- Do not fund: A proposal unworthy of funding

The total funding recommendation in the context of the available funding was presented in an evaluation table and award recommendation summary. The total recommended funding was $95,053. This was less than the available funding of $120,000. The 12 subcommittee members attending the meeting voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to fully fund ten and to not fund two of the total twelve proposals. Each individual proposal was then listed, with a summary of key strengths and weaknesses and recommendations for funding.

<u>Action Item</u>:
Vote: A motion was made and unanimously approved that CoR accept the subcommittee's funding recommendations for the Faculty Research Award Program – Category A (FRAP-A).

CoR Chair Rosenswig requested that this report be used as a subcommittee template going forward. Applications were listed in ranked order for VPR Office review.

Meeting Wrap Up

CoR Chair opened the floor for any other business items CoR members would like to address before the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Lopez, Staff Support