2018-2019 SENATE COUNCIL ON RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP (SCORS) Minutes

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Patrick Reakes, Angelos Barmpoutis, Dimitri Bourilkov, Matthew Gurka, Sylvain Doré, Amir Sarayani, Laurie Bialosky, Hannah Norton, Stephanie Gray, and Sobha Jaishankar.

Absent: Ikraumuddin Aukhil, Cathy Lebo, Michael Mahoney, Jamie Collins, Mario Poceski, David Norton and Henry Frierson.

I.   Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

II.   Approval of [November 20, 2018 Minutes](#)
The minutes were approved.

III.   Chair brief report
–At the January Faculty Senate Steering meeting, Council Chair will follow up with President Fuchs regarding reducing mandatory training hours for faculty.
-SCORS Chair met with Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs, Chris Hass regarding the team science/scholarship proposal which will likely move forward for the 2020 evaluation cycle. The proposal is approved in concept but details such as criteria for support letters for each college are still in review.
-Lily Lewis, Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and Academic Communications, is addressing Postdoc Associates and Postdoc Fellows issues.
-Effort/bridge funding tools, used to help faculty at different levels, was discussed.
-The Faculty Evaluation Toolkit/P&T Online were discussed. One goal is to add an annual evaluation which is downloadable and which can pull from various sources to populate fields such as publications, funding, research, highlight mentorship responsibilities etc. Beta testing with the P&T Online has been taking place in the Colleges of Pharmacy & Nursing. The College of Dentistry, Vets & College of Medicine (two departments) are working on the Faculty Toolkit. The systems may be merged and Office of the Provost funding may be available to help with this process. The College of Arts also has a system which is being maintained by the College of Arts webmaster and is called Process Wire and the college's Cumulative Faculty Report (CFR) sits under this umbrella.

IV. **Office of Research Task Force**
Sobha Jaishankar, PhD
Assistant Vice President and Lecturer
Office of the Vice President for Research
-Dr. Jaishankar discussed the Office of Research working group on external funding. The division of Research Program Development is different from the division of Sponsored Programs and has different functions which they are trying to publicize. Please encourage faculty to respond to help identify and prioritize faculty needs. The College Council Chairs listserv will be forwarded to Dr. Jaishankar.
-Dr. Jaishankar discussed: the services provided by the division of Research Program Development; how to find funding and the best way to expose faculty to these paths; internal seed grants; assistance with proposal preparation and writing; Office of Research staff roles (i.e. this office handles pre-submission, rather than budgets, uploading proposals into electronic systems, etc.); available campus resources; and Pivot, a database which the Office of Research subscribes to.
- Specific effort is provided to grants generally larger than 2.5M. This cut off was establish based on staff. Thus, it was also recommended that SCORS reaches out to VP of Research, Dr. David Norton, to suggest an additional position to also help with grants less than the 2.5M.
-There is also a Task Force started in Sept/Oct 2018 to review how they can help to put forward grants that are more competitive. The report will be completed by April and reviewed by Dr. Norton. It was agreed that Dr. Jaishankar would be invited to the April Senate Faculty Steering Committee to then present at the following Faculty Senate.
-It was also discussed that the onboarding process for grant submission would be helpful and could help with boiler plates, budget justifications, etc. Faculty-led workshops have been done in the past and beginning in the fall, new grant workshops will be offered. CALS & IFAS are having workshops in January and possibly April, while the College of Medicine is also spearheading something similar which is open to all for attendance.
-A resource for training grants is at: https://www.ctsi.ufl.edu/education/grant-workshops/.
- The 'Checklist of Grant Proposal Assistance Requested from UF Office of Research Division of Research Program Development (DRPD)' was distributed and discussed.

V. **Libraries**: Review of the Library Open Access proposal to the Provost, Review of the ACRS initiatives, + and – of the different reference citation tools.
-University Libraries receives $120,000 annually to support publications through the

Open Access Fund funded by the Provost's Office. In 2018, the funds were depleted by May. The University Libraries Committee has reviewed the funding and process to ensure future consistent applications of existing rules and regulations established by the University Libraries. Two more years of funding is available. SCORS unanimously agreed to recommend increased funding to the Open Access budget fund to the Provost.

- Patrick Reakes, Senior Associate Dean Scholarly Resources & Services, shared a comparative sheet comparing citation tools (as previously requested by SCORS): http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/74//2018-2019//CitationMangToolComparisonChart2018v2.pdf. Dean of Libraries, Judith Russell, presented some of this information in her University Libraries Initiatives & Update at the October Senate meeting.

- Michele Tennant is the contact for and is overseeing the group reviewing ARCS initiatives and will be reached to present at a future SCORS meeting.

VI.   **Office of the Provost Updates**
        Cathy J. Lebo, PhD
        Assistant Provost and Director of Institutional Planning and Research
        -This item was tabled.

VII.   **VIVO and ORCID, and VIVO-ORCID integration**
        Angelos Barmpoutis, PhD
        -Many CTSI and research personnel still utilize VIVO, as highlighted by the library staff. ORCID has adopted more broadly and a proposal has been sent to UF Information Technology. One question remains as to whether such VIVO-ORCID integration could complement the Academics Analytics Discovery Suites (or active Faculty members who are not included in Discovery Suites) such that they can also be found.

VIII.   **Other** (Open Discussion)

IX.   **Adjournment**
        The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.