

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
RESEARCH AND GRANTS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING: February 11, 2022 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: March 11, 2022
Sub. to Exec. Comm. March 17, 2022 Approved by Exec. Comm. _____
Sub. to Acad. Senate _____ Approved by Acad. Senate _____
POLICY ITEMS: _____

Members Present:

Karin Crowhurst (Chair), Jacob Hinkel-Lipsker, Magdy Rizk, Joanne Scillitoe, Maryam Tabibzadeh, Andrew Weiss, Kyle Dewey, Ivor Weiner, David McCarty-Caplan, Christopher Higgs

Members Absent:

Minsung Kwon

Staff:

Christopher Sanford (Executive Secretary), Naty Palos (Recording Secretary)

Guest:

Provost Walker, Crist Khachikian, AJ Kim, Santosh Khadka

- I) **Call to order**
 - Meeting called to order by Karin Crowhurst as 10:00 a.m.

- II) **Approval of December 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes**
 - Minutes unanimously approved

- III) **Announcements**
 - **Time certain 10:15 am – 10:45 am: Provost Mary Beth Walker - Roadmap to the future committee and subgroup, Academic Excellence. Obtain feedback from the R&G committee on the content, framework, and process we are proposing, especially as it pertains to the role of research in academic excellence**
Provost Walker provided an overview of the Roadmap to the Future. She asked the committee to provide feedback about the road map process. She mentioned invitations will be sent out and there will be multiple opportunities to participate in different facilitated discussions regarding these issues. There are five thematic subgroups and the subgroup she represents is “A solid foundation of Academic Excellence”. Crist Khachikian reviewed and shared some discussion points on academic excellence. The committee discussed and shared their thoughts which included supporting students in research, and support for faculty in interdisciplinary research.

- IV) **Ongoing Business**
 - **Summary of Pandemic Recovery Grant competition – awardee statistics**
Crowhurst provided a summary of the pandemic recovery grant competition. She shared with the committee a breakdown of proposals sorted by college and by both Track 1 and 2.

 - **Update on RSCA – promoting applications from each college – deadline: February 21**
Crowhurst reminded the committee that the RSCA applications are due on February 21. She asked the committee to remind their colleges of the upcoming deadline. She also mentioned that a practice review of RSCA applications will take place at the March R&G meeting.

- **Reports from the “special project” groups (on ways to demystify LGP/IDC, and ways to increase our visibility). Further discussion of ways to follow up on last year’s faculty forums**

Crowhurst asked the sub-groups to provide an update on their special projects. Ivor Weiner mentioned that Crowhurst and Chris Sanford met with IntersectLA to discuss creating a campaign to help the campus understand indirect costs and the large grant program. Dave Moon or Joe Bautista of IntersectLA will follow-up with the group with ideas created for the campaign.

Magdy Rizk provided his update. He mentioned that looking through the faculty senate website he feels that Research and Grants Committee (R&G) information gets buried within it. He suggested R&G/Research having its own pagelet. He is still thinking about creating a pilot canvas page for each college to see the kind of feedback he receives.

Crowhurst recalled that at the last meeting Rizk commented that faculty would like more workshops to be available. She asked if anyone had any additional feedback as to the type of workshops they would like offered. Christopher Higgs mentioned that faculty would like access to instructional videos to be available to view at their own time instead of attending workshops. The videos would include questions and answers for faculty. Crowhurst asked the committee to think which kinds of informational videos could be helpful and subject-related and asked them to report back at the March meeting.

V) ***New Business***

- **If appropriate: continued discussion of the topic raised by Provost Walker’s visit**
The committee continued the discussion regarding topics brought up during the meeting with the Provost. Some themes included the lack of incentives and support (either monetary for supplies or release time) to encourage faculty to engage students in research, scholarly or creative activities. Given how valuable these experiences are to students (in terms of increasing retention, improving student grades and providing marketable skills), the committee would like the administration to prioritize these activities more explicitly (and financially) than they previously have.
- **Discussion of RSCA practice review session at March meeting.**
Crowhurst mentioned that committee members will receive three practice proposals (from previous years) in the next two weeks to review and discuss at the March meeting in preparation for the RSCA ranking meeting in April. This will give everyone an opportunity to use the InfoReady system and ask questions regarding the review process.

Crowhurst asked the committee if they would like to continue meetings on Zoom or start gathering on campus for the next three meetings. After further discussion the committee agreed to continue with the meetings on Zoom through the spring semester.

VI) ***Adjournment***

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.