

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

MINUTES OF MEETING: November 17, 2017 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: December 8, 2017

Sub. to Exec. Comm. December 13, 2017 Approved by Exec. Comm. _____

Sub. to Acad. Senate _____ Approved by Acad. Senate _____

POLICY ITEMS _____

Members Present: Dena Herman (Chair), Rais Ahmad, Meeta Banerjee, David Bermudes, Shartriya Collier-Stewart, Tomo Hattori, Suzanne Spear, Yi Ding

Members Absent: Mariam Beruchashvili, Michael Carter, Paula DiMarco (Sabbatical/fall semester)

Guest: Mary-Pat Stein, Stephanie Bluestein

Staff: Crist Khachikian, Naty Palos

I) Call to order

- Meeting called to order by D. Herman at 10:00 am.
- D. Herman introduced Mary-Pat Stein, the committee liaison representative. M. Stein briefly discussed the expectations of the members and thanked everyone for being a member of the R&G committee.

II) Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of October 13, were unanimously approved.

III) Guest Speaker – Time Certain 10:15am

A. Discuss research – Joshua Einhorn-Martinez, Grants Officer, College of Education – The committee invited Joshua Einhorn-Martinez for an informal conversation regarding his perspective on undergraduate research and research activities in the College of Education.

IV) Old Business

A. RSCA follow-up discussion – D. Herman had a discussion with the committee about administering the RSCA award competition at the college level. It was mentioned that there are some colleges that may have received fewer RSCA awards than others. The committee discussed if they would like to continue with the same type of competition that is announced and open to everyone on campus to compete; or do we want to divide/allocate the award so each college has the opportunity to use it in a way that is meaningful and supports research in their college? D. Herman asked if each committee member would have a discussion with their Dean on what their thoughts are on administering an allocated portion of the award within their college. All members agreed and will meet with the Deans and provide feedback at the December meeting.

V) **New Business**

- A. Jerome Richfield recommendations – D. Herman reviewed with the committee all unranked recommendations. Four applicants were chosen by the committee and D. Herman will send the recommendations to C. Khachikian.
- B. Discuss creation of subcommittees: Limited submissions, IDCs, Fall 2019 (2025 Students) – D. Herman – To be discussed at next meeting
- C. Strategic research investments for endowment accounts – C. Khachikian mentioned there is an endowment that generates approximately \$40,000 - \$50,000 a year that traditionally is applied to the RSCA award. He and the Provost spoke and they would like some of the money to be used toward strategic investments outside of RSCA. He suggests picking three major research initiatives and fund them about \$15,000 each. C. Khachikian asked if the committee is willing to look into this and create some type of framework. This is an opportunity for the committee to get engaged outside of the RSCA process of supporting research. C. Khachikian will outline some thoughts and present it to the committee for a discussion.

VI) **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned by D. Herman at 12:00 pm.