

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

MINUTES OF MEETING: December 9, 2022 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: February 10, 2023
Sub. to Exec. Comm. February 13, 2023 Approved by Exec. Comm. _____
Sub. to Acad. Senate _____ Approved by Acad. Senate _____
POLICY ITEMS: _____

Members Present:

Karin Crowhurst (Chair), Kyle Dewey, Magdy Rizk, Christoph Schaal, Andrew Weiss, Sung Wook Yoon, Claudia Toledo-Corral, Pete Goldschmidt, Minsung Kwon

Staff:

Christopher Sanford, Naty Palos

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- I) Call to order**
- Meeting called to order by Karin Crowhurst at 10:00 am. Crowhurst introduced Dr. David Ballard, new committee member from the college of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- II) Approval of November 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes**
- Minutes unanimously approved
- III) Ongoing Business**
- **Continued discussion the large grant program structure**
Crowhurst shared a breakdown of anonymized grants between 2018 – 2021. The breakdown showed how many different grants are eligible for the different tiers of the large grant program. She asked what the committee’s thoughts were on trying to restructure/reassess in some way to assist groups with smaller IDCs that do not hit the threshold for release time through the program. Discussion will continue at a later date.
- IV) New Business**
- **Discussion about Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty Appointment (GRIF)**
Christopher Sanford shared a presentation and reviewed and explained the meaning of GRIF appointments. This is a section 600 policy, under section 652, and it is a memo from the Chancellor’s office back in 2003 and was adopted by all CSUs to promote high levels of research activity. It is a 12-month appointment and carries a salary increase between 5 - 35%. Sanford provided a link with detailed information and continued the discussion with the committee. https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/grif_policy.pdf. There are questions about the interpretation of the university’s GRIF policy, and the committee thinks it is important to clarify. One suggestion was to research policies from other CSUs to evaluate how they interpreted the Chancellor’s memo.
 - **Possible change to R2 status for CSUN (reasons and implications)**
Sanford shared a presentation regarding the different Carnegie classifications for universities which identify how much research activity occurs on campus. He reviewed the top three Carnegie classifications R1, R2, D/PU (doctoral professional). He mentioned that CSUN is classified as an M1, Masters university. It has far surpassed the minimum annual grant income to achieve R2 status, but it remains at M1 due to the small number of

doctorates awarded each year. Classifications get released every three years. The recent release was in 2021 and the next one will occur in 2024. It is possible that CSUN's status will change at that time.

- **Discussion of best practices in acting as a liaison to our colleges**
Tabled to future meeting

V) ***Adjournment***

- Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.