

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE RESEARCH AND GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING December 13, 2019 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE Feb., 14, 2020
Sub. To Exec. Comm. February 17, 2020 Approved by Exec. Comm. _____
Sub. To Acad. Senate _____ Approved by Acad. Senate _____
POLICY ITEMS _____

Members Present:

Karin Crowhurst (Chair), Michael Bryson, Michael Carter, Zhen Chai, Yi Ding, David McCarty-Caplan, Justin Nicoll, Michelle Rozic, Joanne Scillitoe, Suzanne Spear, Maryam Tabibzadeh

Staff:

Sheree Schragger, Naty Palos

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by K. Crowhurst at 10:00 a.m.

II. Approval of November 8, 2019 Minutes

Minutes unanimously approved.

III. Announcements

- **RSCA Award RFP posted online, along with updated video.**

K. Crowhurst reviewed and confirmed the updated RSCA guidelines and video were posted on the website. S. Schragger will email the committee members when the call is sent out to the colleges.

IV. Ongoing Business

- **RSCA “road show” – should we plan to do it again?**

K. Crowhurst asked the committee if they would like to schedule presentations with their colleges every other year but continue to refer faculty to the RSCA video for information. It was suggested to have the faculty president send an email out to the college deans to remind their faculty to apply for the RSCA award, and to reach out to their college Research and Grants representative for more information and/or schedule a presentation.

- **IDC policy discussion**

S. Schragger presented and explained the breakdown of how the share of IDC money returned to campus is distributed. Per the committee’s request last month, she put together some recommendations for the committee to review and discuss about suggested shares to return to colleges, departments, and faculty via the Large Grant Program and the general policy around the use of time and cash generated by IDC

recovery. The committee will review the report and make recommendations and continue the discussion at next month's meeting

V. *New Business*

- **Discussion of Jerome Richfield Memorial Fellow nominees**

The committee reviewed the Jerome Richfield applications that were submitted. The committee agreed on three applicants and forwarded them to S. Schragger; she will forward them to the Provost office. The Provost will make the final decision.

- **Research and Grants quasi-endowment (E0022)**

S. Schragger provided an update. She mentioned that there is an endowment that is held at TUC with an available balance to spend of approximately \$50,000 annually and is supposed to be administered by the Research & Grants committee to support research. In prior years, it was used to supplement or offset extra awards but has not been used in recent years. S. Schragger would like the committee to decide how to spend the endowment to support research at CSUN.

It was suggested to use the fund towards more RSCA applicants this year. K. Crowhurst asked the committee to send their thoughts/suggestions and she will compile a list to discuss at a future meeting and the committee can decide how the endowment will be spent for future research.

- **Meeting date with Dan Martin and Grace Slavik (TUC Policies)**

S. Schragger will invite D. Martin and G. Slavik to the February R&G committee meeting to discuss policies changing or being developed at TUC that affect grant-funded faculty.

- **Discussion on faculty discontent regarding “research climate” – what can / should be done through this committee**

K. Crowhurst reviewed and discussed with the committee the letter sent to the President and Provost by a group of faculty regarding research at CSUN, as well as the subsequent email sent to the Research and Grants committee requesting answers to a list of questions posed by the faculty group about policy in a number of areas. K. Crowhurst mentioned that she had reached out to faculty that sent the letter, explaining that the R&G committee is there to help with any concerns/issues they have. K. Crowhurst will create an email to address the issues presented by faculty and will distribute to the committee for their review and input and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

VI. *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.