

**2015-2016 Annual Summary Report
Research and Grants Committee**

The Research and Grants Committee of the Faculty Senate is charged with making recommendations pertaining to faculty research and creative activities and to foster an atmosphere where these activities can flourish. The Committee is committed to the idea that research and creative activity are not only part of the stated CSUN mission, but are a vital part of our academic environment.

Membership List:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Extension</u> Office/Dept	<u>College/Dept</u>	<u>End</u> <u>Term</u>
Hira Cho	3440/3051	HHD/Family & Consumer Sciences	2016
Wade Chumney	3583/2905	BAE/Business Law	2016
Jodi Brown	6010/7630	S&BS/Social Work	2016
Abhijit Mukherjee	6448/2187	E&CS/Mechanical Engineering	2016
Pete Goldschmidt	4601/2599	EDUC/Educational Psychology & Counseling	2017
Joy Doan	2285/4729	University Library	2017
Virginia Huynh* (Chair)	2510/3385	HHD/Child & Adolescent Development	2017
Bruce Shapiro*	4970/2827	SCI&M/Mathematics	2017
Shad Willingham	5779/5765	AMC/Theatre	2018
Claire White	3392/2827	HUM/Religious Studies	2018
Tom Minehan	3381/3315	SCI&M/Chemistry and Biochemistry	2018
Scott Perez (Exec. Secy.)	2901	Research and Sponsored Projects	

*Faculty Senate Appointee

Meeting Dates:

- September 11, 2015
- October 9, 2015
- November 13, 2015
- December 11, 2015
- February 12, 2016
- March 11, 2016
- April 29, 2016* (All day RSCA Review)

Summary of Activities:

- ◆ Formed the following sub-committees:
 - Export Controls – The subcommittee worked with Megha Patel (V.P. of Research and Economic Development) to communicate any guidance, recommendations and best practices that the R&G office receives and/or develop on to faculty. The subcommittee continues to wait for more guidance from M. Patel and the Chancellor’s Office on export controls.
 - Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or Drones (UAV) – The subcommittee assembled a Certificate of Authorization and a policy for UAV used on campus. The policy only addresses educational and research purposes, which is an exemption provided by the FAA. The policy was sent to Megha Patel for review.
 - Intellectual Property (IP) – The Chancellor’s Office is currently working on a system-wide policy or directive, so any questions that come from faculty regarding IP should be referred to Megha. The committee will assist in disseminating the new policy once it is finalized.
- ◆ Reviewed and discussed of Section 652 of the Administrative Manual: Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty Appointments (GRIF). Suggested changes were noted and sent to PP&R committee via Bill Whiting.
- ◆ Reviewed indirect cost recovery distribution to ensure that those funds are being used in a way that benefits the sponsored projects enterprise. Currently, the majority of those funds are used for the Large Grant Program. Funds are also used for the GRIF policy.
- ◆ Oversight of 2016-2017 CSUN Competition for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards
 - Review and revision of process, guidelines, rubric, and application form

- Review and ranking of submitted proposals by committee members
 - Discussion and final ranking of proposals to determine awardees
 - Out of 115 proposals submitted, 23 were funded for a total of \$200,957.
- ◆ Reviewed applications for the Jerome Richfield Memorial Fellow and forwarded recommendations to AVP C. Khachikian.
 - ◆ Elected a new Chair for the 2016-17 Research and Grants Committee.

Future Activities of the Research and Grants Committee:

- ◆ Propose policy on Unmanned Aerial vehicles or Drones (UAV) to Faculty Senate.
- ◆ Review of policies related to Research and Sponsored Projects.
- ◆ Oversight of 2017-2018 CSUN Competition for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards.