

**2017-2018 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>
Shartriya Collier	3833/2621	EDUC/Educational Psychology & Counseling	2019
Ding Li	4729/2277	University Library	2020
Dena Herman * (Chair)	2510/3385	HHD/Child & Adolescent Development	2017
David Bermudes	6062/2827	SCI&M/Chemistry and Biochemistry	2018
Paula DiMarco	7956/2242	AMC/Art	2018
Tomo Hattori	7284/4966	HUM/Asian American Studies	2018
Dena Herman	4086/3051	HHD/Family & Consumer Sciences	2019
Suzanne Spear	6991/2340	HHD/Health Sciences	2020
Mariam Beruchashvili	2420/2458	BAE/Marketing	2019
Michael Carter	5904/2827	S&BS/Psychology	2020
Rais Ahmad	3419/2166	E&CS/Civil Engineering and Construction Management	2019
Crist Khachikian, AVP RGS	2138	Research and Graduate Studies	

\*Faculty Senate Appointee

## **Meeting Dates:**

- September 8, 2017
- October 13, 2017
- November 17, 2017
- December 8, 2017
- February 10, 2017
- March 9, 2018
- April 13, 2018 (all day RSCA review)
- May 11, 2018

## **Summary of Activities:**

- ◆ Revised minimal expectations of committee members and approved.
- ◆ Invited department chairs as Guest Speakers to discuss perspective on undergraduate research and research activities in their departments. Colleges included; College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, College of Education, College of Humanities, College of Science and Math,
- ◆ Interviewed Deans (R&G committee members) re: their perspectives on administering an allocated portion of the RSCA award within their college.
- ◆ Reviewed and discussed Section 652 of the Administrative Manual: Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty Appointments (GRIF).
- ◆ 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. IDC Committee formed and R&G members were asked to participate in a series of meetings and provided feedback to the committee.
- ◆ Reviewed applications for the Jerome Richfield Memorial Fellow and forwarded recommendations to AVP C. Khachikian.
- ◆ Oversight of 2018-2019 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 95 proposals submitted, 37 were funded for a total of \$194,668.
- ◆ Elected a new Chair for the 2018-19 Research and Grants Committee.

### **Future Activities of the Research and Grants Committee:**

- ◆ Drafted and approved correspondence to applicants of RSCA awards.
- ◆ Made recommendations for passing policy about indirect costs.
- ◆ Recommendations to Provost for Jerome Richfield Memorial Fellow
- ◆ Oversight of 2018-2019 CSUN Competition for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards: practice rating meeting, discuss appropriate comments to applicants, etc.
- ◆ Developed idea to present workshops to colleges for prior to release of RFP for RSCA competition to educate applicants about opportunity.