
Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Sub-Committee Meeting
Minutes
March 5, 2021

Attendees: Jennifer Liang, Valerie Brady, Patrick Schoff, Alexis Elder, Erik Brown, David Syring, Kim Pittman, Richard Robbins, Tim Craig, Sally Bradt, Sharyl Samargia-Grivette. Excused: Bedassa Tadesse

Call to order: 10:03 by Liang

1. Review Approve Minutes

2-19-21 Minutes: Motion by Schoff, second by Samargia-Grivette; approved

2. Continuing business

A. Upcoming speaker events

- Overmann lecture series: Rick Potts, the director of the Smithsonian Human Origins Division-Brown.

- Things are moving along well. A moderator has been identified, David Gore from communications.
- Overlap with faculty assembly by 30 min, but can't move things now.

- Linda Hogan-Syring

- Have date and money, but other things still in planning stages
 - Possible funding from U for Srs
 - Still working to schedule the 4 interim visits. Have identified some classes who want her to attend, but can take 2 more – perhaps IBS, U for Srs
- Public speaking event date is Apr. 20, time not yet set.

B. Research Ethics Week March 1-5, 2021

- a. We need to try to get out ahead of this next year.
- b. Put on RSCA calendar for next Dec or Jan meeting. Appears to be always held on a week March. <https://research.umn.edu/ethics-compliance/research-ethics-week>
- c. Start RSCA calendar in Google. Link to calendar is in RSCA folder:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Kv3gOKdwrM8NVgl6bGqQOSvyjmsPwNct0Oh65gfHvCo/edit?usp=sharing>

C. Discussion-how to follow up and see how our RSCA awards helped with new faculty getting pubs, other awards, books, etc., etc.. Do we want to request funds for another round of awards?

- a. We will likely be given \$70K to give out in small to mid-size grants. Must be given out before end of fiscal year, June 30. So need to solicit short proposals, review them, and give awards.
- b. Pat will gather up what we did last time and send this out so we can see if we want to do this or change it.
- c. Require interdisciplinary in some sense to get collaborations together.

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- d. We can have upper limit, give people more time to think about who to reach out to and how to apply.
 - D. Update on process of re-instating UMD-wide Farm Committee-Tim Craig/Erik Brown
 - a. Any updates? See minutes from last time.
 - b. Waiting for facilities to work on their part of the document. Need to get this in place before the field season.
 - c. Tim and Erik will work things out that remain to be decided.
 - E. Discussion-what is the role of RSCA in undergraduate research and retention?
 - a. Lots of issues here. What can RSCA do?
 - b. How can we quantify undergrad research exp.? We can count some things (UROP, a few others), but can't count actual research experience by undergrads who are hired by faculty and staff.
 - c. NSSE data – self-reported from undergrads, but not sure how accurate this is nor how many fill out the survey
 - d. Perhaps we can help tackle how to measure on UMD campus.
 - e. Seems like Works could collect these data/information.
 - f. Need to define what RSCA role is and be careful not to overwhelm our committee with this. Could become a task force for UMD.
 - F. Problems with access to online meetings with collaborators and funders using Microsoft Suite
 - a. Not yet resolved
 - b. But we don't want to force U to abandon Google for MS Teams. Individuals need to find work around.
 - c. Remove from list of topics
 - G. Discussion of Chancellor's awards – more diversity needed; how can RSCA promote more diversity in applications?
 - a. We should keep this moving.
 - b. Can we get data on this? Need nomination data, which are not public and would need to be anonymized.

3. Announcements

- A. The College of Education and Human Service Professions, Department of Education, and Department of American Indian Studies invite you to join *A Conversation About Race in Minnesota* with Dr. Waziyatawin and Dr. William Green on **Friday, March 19 from 10 AM to 1 PM**. [Registration](#) is REQUIRED. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

More information about this event can be found at z.umn.edu/raceinmn. The event flyer is attached.

4. New Business/Items for Future Agendas

- Mary Keenen's job is undergrad retention for UMD, so we may want to start with her.
- Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI)-Sharyl

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- TC campus has this. It has lots of resources for faculty for research design, IRB assistance, methods, etc. for human subject research.
 - Would like to have more of a presence on UMD campus and need UMD researchers to know about them.
 - They offer to help spread the word through RSCA to our campus.
 - Broaden to other system-wide resources and host workshops for researchers.
 - This could be good collaboration with OVPR
 - Invite expert to talk about issue related to recording speakers and sharing recordings with others
 - Nancy Simms can speak about legal issues on this and best practices.
 - Will ask her to choose date when she can attend.
 - Also questions about researchers doing presentations and what permissions they should give
 - And faculty classes and those permissions for use. Send this to teaching and learning faculty.

5. Adjourn

Next scheduled meeting: Friday, March 19, 2021, 10:00 AM, via Zoom