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February 9, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Tamás Forgács, Cameron Lane, Song Lee, Lubo Liu, James Marshall, Samina Najmi, Fayzul Pasha, Helda Pinzon Perez

Members excused: Jenna Kieckhaefer, Vang Vang

- (1) Committee approved the agenda (S.N/F.P 6-0) and the amended minutes for the 12/1/2016 meeting (FP/SL 6-0).
- (2) New member Cameron Lane was introduced.
- (3) J. Marshall reminded us the the expanded CCRS (Central California Research Symposium) will take place 4/18-4/19, including faculty, undergraduates, masters and doctoral students. He also reported that pre-award staff of ORSP (Office of Research and Sponsored Programs) have moved to campus to the TA building.
- (4) T. Forgács summarized the rollout and administration of the faculty research survey. 261 faculty responded, which amounts to about a 20% participation rate. The qualitative analysis of the responses will be spearheaded by S. Lee and S. Najmi, potentially involving J.C. Gonzalez or T. Qubal in aiding their efforts using In-Vivo. The quantitative analysis will be done by T. Forgács and a statistician in the mathematics department. These analyses will be completed by the April meeting.
- (5) Meetings with the deans shall continue. Outstanding interviews are with the deans of Engineering, Ag, and Social Science. These interviews will also be completed by the April meeting, and we shall have a rough draft of the annual report on the state of research ready by then. The committee discussed the purpose of the report, and concluded that it should be informative to all stakeholders on campus, including those who will have to make decisions on how to fund research. The committee will distribute the completed report to the research committees in every college, so that they may make use of it if they so wish. J. Marshall reported that the provost will fund RSCA (Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities) awards next year to the tune of \$800K, which together with the chancellor's office's contribution would provide almost \$1M of support research next year. The committee also discussed that while we don't think that Fresno State should aim to become an R1 institution, in fulfilling its mission to become the best teaching institution it can, we have to support research on campus. The committee expressed concerns that some faculty on campus may not wish to be engaged in research, and that whatever actions shall be based on the results of our report and the faculty survey on research should recognize this fact.
- (6) The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.