

Research Subcommittee of the APP (RC)

Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2016

ED 354, 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Dr. Tamás Forgács, Dr. Song Lee, Dr. Helda Pinzon Perez
Members excused: Dr. Liu Lubo (sabbatical)

- (1) New member appointments: Dr. Forgács requested in email new appointees from the APP. First scheduled meeting of the APP is next week, we can expect new appointments then. We will communicate to them our established meeting times for the semester.
- (2) Meeting with Jim Marshall: Dr. Forgács will meet with Dr. Marshall to discuss his vision for research on campus, and the role the Research Committee should play in shaping the research landscape on campus.
- (3) Regular meeting times: The members present decided that committee meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in ED 354.
- (4) Committee charge review:

The committee focused on the first two entries to be included in its annual report on the status of research on campus:

- (A) *Successful research*. The committee members decided to schedule meetings with their dean in order to obtain the dean's assessment of the state of research in their colleges, as well as to obtain some hard data on number of publications, presentations, etc. Chairs of the respective college's Research committees may be invited to this meeting. RC members serve as surveyors, merely trying to get a picture of where research stands in each college in terms of raw production, importance to administration and to faculty, and in terms of priority with regards to funding.
- (B) *Perceived barriers to research* RC members will contact the chairs of the college research committees, as well as faculty (at their discretion) to obtain information on the existing barriers to research in each college/department. Drs. Lee and Pinzon Perez expressed their concern regarding the lack of administrative support for ongoing research past tenure. The committee will gather information on what particular avenues of support would help faculty the most in continuing their research.

Dr. Lee brought up the idea of establishing a Research Center on campus for centralized support research (transcription services, statistical analysis services, etc). RC members noted that the new CFA contract stipulates research to be part of the workload, and suggested that the committee investigates possible ways to (i) support faculty in getting WTU assigned for this at all ranks (change the 12 WTU teaching 3 WTU service breakdown to include WTUs for research) (ii) change the perception that research is for the purposes of tenure only.

This perception is seemingly engrained in faculty/administration by providing release to probationary faculty for research, but not for others. For the long term health of faculty research activities this perception must change. Dr. Pinzon

Perez noted that research is still 'maturing' to be a priority for all faculty, not just for probationary faculty, and that there should be a 'line item' somewhere to support this. She added that additional duties (academic advising etc) may prevent faculty from engaging in research supervision due to administration not allowing overloads). We expect to discuss these issues with Dr. Jim Marshall as we move forward.

(5) Adjournment: 10:56 a.m.