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May 2, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Tamás Forgács, Rohan Jadhav, Jenna Kieckhaefer, James Marshall, Fayzul Pasha, Gitima Sharma

Members absent: Samina Najmi, Vang Vang

(1) Approval of agenda (MSC).

(2) Approval of the minutes of 2/28/18 (MSC).

(3) Communications and Announcements

(a) Membership changes (Forgács). Samina Najmi’s term is up, and the Senate will look for a new member this fall, and we thank her for her service. Vang Vang will go on sabbatical in the March – July. Fayzul Pasha will go on sabbatical in the fall – both members would like to return if possible. We are also continually looking for a representative from Business.

(b) CCRS (J. Marshall). Very successful and well attended. 291 individual presentations (84 oral and the rest poster). We also had a surge of master’s students (about 40 more than the previous year). We are at capacity for that location, so they will be looking into other locations. Additionally, this is a record year for PIs on our campus (218 on our campus, 34% of all tenure-track faculty). Last year they brought in about $36 million in awards. We have about a 74% success rate in receiving grants.

(4) Discussion items

(a) Election of officers. There were only two nominations via email, and no persons indicated any interest in person during the meeting. Jenna Kieckhaefer as vice chair (MSC). Tamás Forgács as chair (MSC).

(b) Annual report (draft and final form) (Forgács). Viewed the report, including the executive summary and conclusions. Overall, we suggest clearer directives for post-tenure professors to understand what is necessary to promote to full professors. This might also increase the research activity of these professors. Department chairs have little leeway in helping promote research other than encouragement. They can, however, be a hindrance in not allowing the faculty member to buy out their time, if for example they don’t have enough persons to teach classes.

(5) The meeting was adjourned at 9:47am.