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February 4, 1:00 p.m.

**Members present**: Sankha Banerjee, Tamás Forgács, Jenna Kieckhaefer, Emily Rivas, Anil Shrestha, Keith Story, Vang Vang, Wes Wise

**Members absent**: Rohan Jadhav, James Marshall, Gitima Sharma

(1) Approval of agenda (MSC).

(2) Approval of the minutes of 12/3/19 (MSC).

(3) Communications and Announcements

(a) CCRS, CSU Systemwide research competition (Forgács). Both calls for applications are out now, and due in February.

(b) Update on video campaign (Wise). Center of faculty excellence is working with us now instead of branding. Hopefully by the next meeting we will be able to start. Continue to look for people to participate in the videos. We hope that we can have at least a couple of these done by the end of the school year. We need a short primer paragraph on who they are, their research, and physically where they are on campus.

(c) Un-awarded meritorious sabbatical proposals (Forgács). This committee usually reviews these documents, however there are no sabbaticals left to give out, so we won’t be doing that this year.

(d) Our open letter to the academic senate (Forgács). University Personnel Committee didn’t want to deal with our letter, and so it didn’t go anywhere. Other informal conversations with people from the committee led to perceptions that people don’t want to deal with this issue. Hopefully with a new chair of that committee the document may be discussed, however if that fails we might take this document to the academic senate floor.

(e) Our letter to the chairs (Forgács). We received notification that the email was read by Faculty Affairs, but they have not given the list of all the chairs to then forward the letter. We also discussed ways to get the chairs’ email addresses.

 (4) Discussion items

(a) Laval budget modification request (Forgács). Would like to reallocate $500 from conference travel to fund a graduate student (MSC).

(b) CSU Systemwide Competition submissions – evaluation rubric (Kieckhaefer). Presented the rubric from the last competition out of CSU Fullerton as a way to potentially help us judge the proposals that come in. Also need to consider graduate students separate from undergrads, and each discipline equally (they all have their own competition categories). A member of the group discussed awarding across grad and undergrad proportional to the number of applications. Another member suggested that we email and ask all submissions to put together an abstract that is in layman’s terms. Our chair will push to make our decisions at the April meeting, so that we have enough time to make these decisions. Applications for students are due by 2/14/2020.

 (5) The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.