MINUTES OF THE RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

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February 26, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Sankha Banerjee, Tamás Forgács, Jenna Kieckhaefer, Gitima Sharma, Anil Shrestha, Keith Story, Vang Vang, Wes Wise

Members absent: Rohan Jadhav, James Marshall

(1) Approval of agenda (MSC).

(2) Approval of the minutes of 1/28/19 (MSC).

(3) Communications and Announcements

(a) Vote count on the budget modification request for Laval award (Forgács). Thank you for the email vote. The modification was approved.

(b) Member terming out (Forgács). Reminder to Vang and Kieckhaefer to fill out committee preference form by 3/14/19.

(c) Report from the senate meeting (Wise). President Castro talked about the Governor’s increase in the CSU budget, and with that an indication that there would be about another 1,000 students at Fresno State.

(d) Engineering updates (Banerjee). Engineering is planning to start a new program in biomedical engineering, perhaps as soon as 2021. Also, discussions for local graduate programs. Additionally, the department is looking to start an Engineering Management program.

 (4) Discussion items

(a) Sabbatical Review rubric (Wise and Kieckhaefer). Reviewed previous meeting minutes as to where we left off. Also discussed lottery as a way to make determinations if there are equivalent applications that meet the minimum requirements. It’s important to also make sure that the past awardees have fulfilled their presentation requirement. Without the presentation, the committee will not recommend the Provost awards a sabbatical. Additionally, we would like some proof of the presentation, like an email announcement of the talk. Some members of the committee noted that some colleges have done away with this practice, and suggested that we remind colleges that this is a requirement. Forgács stated he would do that.

 (i) Approval of meritorious sabbatical review rubric as amended (MSC).

(b) Review and approval of updated charter to include our charge of selection/screening of Fresno State student presenters to be sent to the system-wide research competition (Forgács). Approval of additions to our charter (MSC).

 (5) The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

 (6) Tabled items

(a) Laval campaign discussion and presentation requirement of Laval awardees (Forgács).

(b) Library grants (Vang). The library is looking to announce research grants for undergraduate and graduate students. Looking for help from this committee to figure out how this would work. Looking at about 3 awards for up to $3,000.