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**Members present**: Monique Bell, David Drexler, Tamás Forgács, Frederick Lisitsa, Aaron Schuelke, Martha Vungkhanching, Cliff Yu, Martha Vungkhanching, Nur Dedeoglu,

**Members absent**: Sankha Banerjee, Joy Goto, Jenna Kieckhaefer

(1) Approval of agenda – MSC

(2) Approval of the minutes of 11/2/23 with a correction to indicate Jenna’s absence – MSC

(3) Communications and Announcements

(a) Stage check on the research week promotion activities

* All should continue to update the sheet on Canvas Research Week promotions.
* Tamas has items from CS&M, and has spoken with Psychology, Biology, Earth Science, Physics – expects healthy submissions from those areas.
  + The feedback is that the sample syllabus paragraph about research is helpful. It is now available on Canvas in the Documents module.
  + There are three commitments for lab space for the geo-caching game.
* ASI has communications specialist on-staff; promote through tabling, social media, mobile, student engagement Engage, and promotional items can be printed by early spring semester – Frank
  + Flyers can be printed by the end of February at the University Print Office; all materials can be ready by March – Frank
  + CSB Jaguar Wright might be good support for geo-caching game. – Tamas
  + Monique and Frank can coordinate for engaging communications specialist.

(4) Discussion items

* Since Aaron is going on sabbatical, he, Tamas and Nora will organize a meeting next week to discuss a replacement for his role next semester. – Tamas
* Tamas will promote Research Week at High Impact Practices Exchange meeting this afternoon.
* Committee Meetings for 2024 – We can continue to meet every first Thursday of the month at 1pm on Zoom; Tamas will send an email to confirm.

1. New language for probationary plans – David

* Met with acting dean of HHS regarding questions about predatory journals and conferences; no potential deadline but by next fall probationary plans.
* It would be helpful to have probationary plans state publishing in such journals/conferences would not count towards tenure.
  + There was discussion about adapting APM 510. Tamas mentioned that the senate just voted on promotion to full language, so it may be slow to advance until next fall.
    - He proposes a two-pronged approach:

1) Paragraph to use informally for now to adapt

2)Work through appropriate channels for long term change

* + - Also, it may be useful to include existing language from CM&S plans about attributing contributions in research; will upload to Canvas – Tamas
    - There was discussion about language variations between probationary plans and whether an APM change would be more effective. The committee agreed to create the language and provide it to the channel(s) managing APM. The deans can use it if they choose to. It provides a service to probationary faculty so they can avoid any issues.
    - The suggested language is: “Here are some resources, consider strengthening your portfolio by….” It isn’t an edict, but guidance.
  + Tamas will create a document that starts this conversation and continue to discuss in the spring. It will be part of spring goals to polish it up for distribution to departments by end of spring semester. Will also consider how it can come from official challenges and how long it will take.

(5) AdjournmentThe meeting adjourned at 1:32pm.