Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSC) Committee

Meeting 03/04/2026 (10:05 AM -11:05 AM) - Minutes

Present: Sophya Garashchuk, Charles Mactutus, Fabienne Poulain, Leland Spencer, Jeff Twiss (ex officio member), Alysia Bridgman (ex officio member)

> Meeting was called to order (10:05 AM)

> Minutes of prior meeting on 11/12/2025 were approved.

> Old Business:

2). How to evaluate productivity? How to promote it?

Motion on the floor (previously tabled from last meeting): The MCAS should promote productivity with co-funding of publication costs.

Discussion on promoting productivity proceeded:

- lack of summer funding for graduate students
- availability of grant funds for bridging lapse of funding (university as well as federal)
- return on investment for directing college funds
- department and college culture regarding funding-why pursue more than one external award?
- expectations of sponsors for awardees

Additional data requested from Alysia regarding utilization of available internal proposal opportunities (VPR Office) and bridge funding (Provost's Office) for our consideration at our next meeting.

Tabled for next meeting.

Items #3 and #4 (Responsible conduct of research (RCR) training in the MCAS; Changing environment for federal funding) remain to be brought to the floor and will remain old business for the next meeting.

> Good of the Order

Next meeting will be scheduled and set via 'What time is good' app.

> Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM

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