Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSC) Committee

Meeting 11/02/2025 (2:30-3:30 PM) - Minutes

Present: Jeanne Garane, Sophya Garashchuk, Charles Mactutus, Fabienne Poulain, Leland Spencer, Claudia Benitez-Nelson (Associate Dean, invited), Jeff Twiss (ex officio member), Alysia Bridgman (ex officio member)

> Meeting was called to order (2:37 PM)

> Adjournment time was set for 3:30 PM

> Minutes of prior meeting on 09/03/2025 were corrected (appointment terms added and verified) and approved.

> There was no unfinished business to address

> New Business:

1). Input on MCAS funding initiatives.

Motion made and seconded: MCAS funding initiatives are to be presented to the committee so that informed decisions can be made to assist the dean's initiatives. Claudia presented an overview of the four main funding initiatives:

1. Book manuscript finalization support program
2. Faculty Travel Support for Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops
3. Small Equipment Purchase Grants
4. Faculty Research and Creative Scholarship Grants

Discussion followed, and the committee agreed to reflect on the initiatives and provide suggestions for the dean's consideration.

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

Motion made and seconded: The MCAS should promote productivity with co-funding of publication costs.

Discussion followed. 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 be 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 3:30 PM