

## CRC Meeting 1

Date: May 24, 2021

Present: Director Baptiste-Sexton, Professor Biscoe, Dean Couzis, Assistant Professor Crull, Professor Jeruzalmi, Dean Koch, CRC Chair Kretzschmar, Assistant Professor Muir, Dean Perkins, Professor Stylianou, Associate Dean Wesson, Senior Director Wooten

**Background:** the meeting opened with a summary of how and why the College Research Council was formed. Currently, the council consists of 8 deans and 5 faculty members elected by the faculty senate for 3-year terms, the college research director, the director of grants & sponsored programs, and the director of development. Professor Kretzschmar was nominated and unanimously elected as chair of the CRC. Meetings are set for 2-3pm every other Monday.

There was discussion over the mission of the CRC, which is to advise the president and provost on matters of research at the college. The composition of the members of the CRC was designed to incorporate varying perspectives on research. An additional goal of the committee is to provide feedback and input on research issues for the associate provost of research.

Dean Wesson presented three topics for discussion: research re-opening, Graduate Research Technology Initiative (GRTI) funding, and RCR training.

1. Research re-opening:

- a. Undergraduates will be allowed back into research labs. Those with funded undergraduates should update research re-opening plans to include the names of those students as well as their signatures. Once approved by the research reopening board, they will receive campus access requests that P.I.s should forward to students. Students must submit campus access requests to be approved by Dean Wesson (engineering & other), Dean Perkins (science), or Dean Lima (medicine), who will be listed as supervisor. Provost Liss will grant final approval.
- b. Dean Wesson asked for input on how to get more researchers on campus in the fall.

2. GRTI Funding

- a. Dean Wesson shared that CCNY received \$740,000 worth of GRTI funds. The funds will be assigned directly to schools and divisions based on FY20 research expenditures defined by externally sponsored projects that are designated as research. Dean Wesson also shared a projected distribution table.
- b. Dean Wesson noted that GRTI funds are given by NY State to CUNY based on equipment money raised by CUNY and cannot be used to support equipment for which there are no research expenditures of an equivalent amount. When submitting GRTI fund proposals to CUNY, CCNY will need to show the equipment purchased in the past that is equivalent/close to amount of money to be expended.
- c. There was debate over whether returning to a previous practice of the CRC committee assigning GRTI funding based on proposals would be more equitable for non-STEM departments.

- d. There was further discussion over ways to distribute funding, including: allocating funds to equipment in core facilities/maker spaces that serve the entire campus or leaving a portion of funds for open competition from all divisions.
  - e. Dean Wesson will send an e-mail with all the information and forms related to GRTI funding, discussion on how to best distribute funds will continue in the next meeting.
3. Responsible Conduct for Research training
- a. Dean Wesson raised the issue of enforcing and tracking RCR training compliance among graduate students, post-docs, and undergraduates working in labs. RCR training is a federal requirement.
  - b. There was discussion over ways to increase training, including: a training day once a year, including training in regular work week paid hours, and generally providing clear information on who requires training and how to access it.