

**CRC Meeting 3:****Time:** 2-3 PM**Date:** 06/21/21**Zoom:** <https://ccny.zoom.us/j/88317031764>

**Present:** Associate Professor Aguasaco, Director Baptiste-Sexton, Professor Biscoe, Dean Couzis, Associate Dean Foster, CRC Chair Kretzchmar, Dean Lamboy, Associate Dean Lima, Dean Miller, Dean Perkins, Associate Dean Wesson, Senior Director Wooten

Approval of the minutes from May 24 and June 7. The minutes were approved with a change of wording with regards to GRTI funding from agreement to majority decision.

**Agenda****1) Finalize CRC's recommendation regarding RCR (responsible conduct of research) compliance achievement**

CRC Chair Kretzchmar shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the 8 RCR training modules, details on who requires training, and the CRC's recommendations regarding training compliance.

Dean Miller raised an objection to requiring full RCR training, which is largely relevant to STEM-related research, for humanities & arts researchers.

- A discussion commenced on alternatives for non-STEM researchers, which included: researching alternative training programs, designating training based on nature of research, and selectively requiring training modules.
- The general consensus was that in the future Humanities & Arts researchers will be required to complete a smaller number of relevant modules, as opposed to all. Dean Miller volunteered to research which modules are applicable.

There was also some discussion over faculty conducting unsponsored research submitting certificates for 180 hours of release time or unsponsored research credits. Professor Aguasaco asked whether faculty members must actively request this release time from their respective Chairs, or if it is simply granted. There was debate over whether RCR training should be required of those requesting release time when it was initially meant to encourage and support unsponsored faculty research in the wake of the pandemic.

Dean Lamboy noted that if this is going to become policy, the recommendation should come from the Provost rather than the departmental chairs.

Excerpts of CRC Recommendations from PowerPoint:

**Un-sponsored Faculty: CRC Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Chair requests RCR certification from faculty who request unsponsored research credits. If there is RCR training more suitable for specific disciplines, it can be used to replace the

CITI training as long as it is approved. A message for the Provost announcing this requirement would be appreciated.

**Staff** (Postdoctoral Researchers and Research Associates) **CRC Recommendation**: Include in onboarding process.

**Doctoral Students** **CRC Recommendation**: Include in onboarding process.

**Students** (Undergraduates and Master Students) **CRC Recommendation**: Table discussion.

**General consensus**: adjust content (number of modules) to disciplines.

**2) How can we get ready for the endless frontier bill (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1260>), which has passed the senate but not yet the house? The CRC needs to identify major research directions and strong focus areas among our current faculty that fit the “bill”.**

CRC Chair Kretzschmar briefly shared background on the Endless Frontier Bill, including the cross-disciplinary nature of research encouraged by the bill, and asked CRC members to start brainstorming priority research areas and areas of collaboration between divisions.

**3) How can the CRC help in coordinating research initiatives? Example: NYC is Investing in Life Sciences! NYC is investing another \$500 million in life sciences (through NYCEDC).**

CRC Chair Kretzschmar raised questions posed by Dean Wesson regarding the role of the CRC: could the CRC help coordinate efforts across divisions and disciplines to avoid duplicate efforts. Could the CRC help connect people and distribute information? This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Dean Lima shared that Kevin Gardner, who serves on the advisory committee, would like to meet people across divisions who might be interested in submitting to or collaborating for the Life Sciences Initiative. Dean Lima asked if the CRC would be able to meet with him, gather a group of interested people, and/or generally promote interest?

Additional Agenda items proposed (likely to be addressed in next meeting, 07/12/21):

- 1) How can issues with timely payment of PhD students be addressed?
- 2) How does IDC (indirect cost) work?