

**Summer CRC Meeting**

Login: Time: 2-3 PM

Date: 07/12/21

Zoom: <https://ccny.zoom.us/j/88317031764>

Present: Associate Professor Aguasaco, Professor Biscoe, Dean Couzis, Assistant Professor Crull, CRC Chair Kretzschmar, Associate Dean Lima, Dean Miller, Vice President Mozeleski, Dean Perkins, Dean Rich, Professor Stylianou, Associate Dean Wesson, Senior Director Wooten

Guest: Professor O'Brien

**Agenda for Monday**

We will revisit these two items from last meeting (revised slides for these items are attached):

- 1) 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".
- 2) 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).
- 3) RF CUNY - Academic Effort Certification for Spring 2021 Effort Memo

Additional Agenda items proposed (likely to be addressed in next meeting, 07/26/21):

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

**Minutes**

- 1) The CRC started with accepting the minutes from the 06/21/21 meeting.
- 2) Chair Kretzschmar stated the purpose of the meeting: to identify how the CRC can provide guidance and support to prepare the college for big research initiatives (bring together people across division boundaries), and to prepare to discuss what the CRC should look like in the fall.
- 3) Chair Kretzschmar presented information on the Endless Frontier Act, including key technology focus areas and information on convergence research at the NSF.
- 4) There was general discussion about existing resources, ways to encourage and promote convergence research at CCNY, and taking a proactive approach to preparing for when the act is passed.
  - A) Existing resources:
    - 1) A list compiled by Teresa Scala on research areas across campus
    - 2) Work by Dean Wesson on current research
  - B) Ideas:
    - 1) Establish a center with a colloquia series to familiarize people across disciplines with each other's research
    - 2) Create an interdisciplinary master's program for STEM students with history/philosophy/sociology components
    - 3) Develop more interdisciplinary co-teaching opportunities across schools

- 4) Have deans bring suggestions, based on faculty, for TED talks aimed at exploring the breadth of what faculty do and thinking convergently
- 5) Host talks on current events issues that incorporate perspectives from various departments and schools (i.e., Miami condo collapse)
- 6) Incentivize collaboration through Seed funding
- 7) Ask Linda Vigdor (ASRC) to lead a workshop on convergence for faculty
- 8) Use gaming-based teaching and simulation-based learning to facilitate interdisciplinary teaching/learning

Next Meeting: Please submit information to Chair Kretzschmar **prior** to the next meeting

1. Deans are asked to bring thoughts on people and topics for TED Talks
2. Rosemarie will investigate Seed funding
3. Topics for Consideration:
  - a. The role of the CRC in the fall
  - b. A mechanism to get faculty to recognize each other across divisions