

Summer CRC Meeting

Time: 2-3 PM

Date: 8/9/21

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

Present: Associate Professor Aguasaco, Director Baptiste-Sexton, Professor Biscoe, Dean Couzis, CRC Chair Kretzschmar, Dean Lamboy, Associate Dean Lima, Dean Miller, Dean Perkins, Dean Rich, Chair Silber, Associate Dean Wesson

**Agenda for Monday**

1. Review & discussion of solicitation draft (see attachment)
2. Review & discussion of CRC goals as stated in the strategic plan 2019 (see attachment)
  - a. Select the ones we want the CRC to address in the Fall 2021
3. How to communicate CRC recommendations back to respective department?
  - a. Who is reporting from the CRC back to the divisions/schools?

Tentative:

4. Discuss mechanisms to increase interaction across divisions:
  - a. translate interdepartmental exchange and understanding to the wider campus
  - b. determine mechanisms to get faculty to recognize each other across divisions

**Minutes**

1. The CRC started with accepting the minutes from the last meeting.
2. CRC Chair Kretzschmar introduced the first topic: review & discussion of solicitation draft. There was general discussion and debate on how best to implement this plan.
  - a. The committee debated whether the project should address some or all of three goals: bridging barriers, impacting our world, and attracting future financial investment.
  - b. There was concern over how to make the initiative more attractive to those in the Humanities & Arts and Social Sciences to encourage applications.
  - c. With regards to final proposal selection, the CRC will approve the proposals and select a “winner.”
    - i. It was requested that more specific criteria for project proposals be provided.
  - d. With regards to funding, the selected project should continually seek additional funding and be able to grow and be sustained after the initial funding period.
    - i. Continued funding from the College will also be contingent upon progress reports to the CRC.
  - e. There were suggestions made to change wording in the solicitation to include “cultural” and “economic” challenges.
  - f. There was general support for SEED-funded working groups facilitated by an expert to allow faculty to come up with multidisciplinary proposals.
    - i. Example: NSF Ideas Lab  
(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3770768/>)
  - g. There was a request for examples of successful similar projects. It was also suggested that someone with expertise in this area be brought in to speak to the CRC (ideally at the next meeting) and eventually more widely the faculty.

- i. Example: The Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC) at the University of Minnesota (<https://icgc.umn.edu/about/mission>)
    - h. There was an emphasized need for continued meaningful discussion of ideas for interdisciplinary exchange in a forum.
- 3. The committee returned to the issue of CRC member composition and agreed to discuss this via e-mail.
- 4. Topics for future consideration:
  - a. Chair Kretzschmar suggested reviewing the CRC tasks quickly at the beginning of the next meeting.
  - b. Dean Miller and Dean Rich's proposal for book completion support.
- 5. Action Items:
  - a. Please e-mail solicitation wording suggestions/edits with your name in the file to Chair Kretzschmar and/or Dean Wesson and the committee.
  - b. Please e-mail thoughts/suggestions regarding CRC member composition to Chair Kretzschmar and/or the committee.