

College Research Council - Final Summer/Initial Fall 2021 Meeting

Time: 2-3 PM

Date: 9/13/21

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

Present: Associate Professor Aguasaco, Professor Biscoe, Dean Couzis, Dean Gutman, CRC Chair Kretzschmar, Dean Lamboy, Associate Dean Lima, Dean Miller, Dean Perkins, Dean Rich, Chair Silber, Professor Stylianou, Associate Dean Wesson

Agenda:

1. Book Completion Grants Proposal (Dean Miller & Dean Rich) (**attached**)
  2. High Impact Journal Publication Grant Proposal (Dean Perkins) (**attached**)
  3. Time line for "Bridging Barriers" solicitation (Associate Provost Wesson)
  4. GRTI - Update (Associate Provost Wesson)
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1. Dean Miller presented the Book Completion Grants Proposal, highlighting the benefits to faculty for having their books workshopped in terms of job promotion and tenure and awards. The proposal was supported by Dean Rich. Other Deans and Professors shared similar examples of successful workshops in their fields.
    - A. The group discussed the issue of funding the workshops, with an initial proposal of \$300,000. It was noted that costs were already cut by incorporating Zoom as a platform for the workshops, and that smaller honorariums would not attract many reviewers.
    - B. It was noted that the proposal will benefit faculty in many departments and is small compared to research fees across the college.
    - C. It was suggested that the proposal be framed as offering something not currently available on campus, and that a source of funding should be identified before bringing the proposal to the Provost and President.
      - i. Suggested sources included: IDC, philanthropy, stimulus
    - D. There was also discussion of royalties from books being partially used to repay the grant
    - E. The CRC voted unanimously to support the Book Completion Grants Proposal
      - i. It was noted that a description of funding for the grant be written up.
  2. Dean Perkins presented the High Impact Journal Publication Grant Proposal; she described the exploitative system in scientific publishing in which researchers are required to pay expensive fees to have their research published in high-impact journals. The proposal asks for funding for these publication fees in a tier-system with junior faculty receiving the most fee coverage. It was suggested that this proposal be combined with the Book Grants Proposal drawing from a single pool of funds.
    - A. Dean Miller supported packing the proposals together, however, it was noted that the ranking of high-impact publications does not apply to the humanities.
    - B. There was concern expressed about having to pay twice to have articles published open access while paying to subscribe to many of these publications.

- C. It was suggested that Daisy Domínguez be brought in to discuss the benefits from subscribing, and to be involved with the Deans in crafting the combined proposal.
- 3. Fall CRC Composition: 8 deans, 5 faculty members
  - A. For faculty members interested in continuing, e-mail David Jeruzalmi with interest.
- 4. GRTI - Update (Associate Provost Wesson):
  - A. Dean Wesson called for members to set up individual meetings if they have questions.
  - B. Dean Wesson noted that submitted materials was not consistent with the spreadsheet and asked that project descriptions match the spreadsheet.
  - C. The form can be found in the Powerpoint distributed by CRC Chair Kretzschmar.