

CRC Meeting 15

April 27, 2022

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

Item 1: The March 9, 2022, minutes were approved.

Item 2: CRV Update

- Dean Wesson shared updates from the first CRV meeting with ATG, where ATG was able to connect with the PIs. Teams shared 2–3-minute presentations about their projects via Zoom and contributed to a Murali – a virtual site that allows teams to form connections between their projects.
- Next Step: **Saturday May 7, 2022 from 9am – 4pm**, a full day session where teams meet in person to further collaboration across proposals. CRC members are invited to join, to attend RSVP with Dean Wesson.
- Final Step: following the in-person event, the ATG will host a strategic doing session over Zoom. Final date tbd, ideally in late May.
- CRV Timeline: Dean Wesson showed the original CRV timeline and noted the original goal of starting the project in July 2022 may be moved to the fall.
- Selection Process: CRC will make a recommendation; the provost and president will make selections as to what team will be funded. The CRV review criteria has not changed since the start of the program. Ideally even if teams do not receive the seed funding, they may continue to collaborate.

Item 3: RF Legal Update

RF CUNY has hired 2 new associate counsels (Diane Venezia and David Rosen). Cases have been moving since the new hires; on-average it takes 1 month for case assignment and 2-3 weeks for contract negotiations. Additionally, interim president of RF, Hector Cordero-Guzman, agreed to meet in late March/early April and has been receptive to advice and feedback, he has requested another meeting to discuss items further in mid-May.

Item 4: Fringe Rate Changes

Effective 7/1, there will be changes in fringe rates, release time fringe rates, summer salary fringe rates, and adjunct fringe rates. These changes only affect research active faculty.

Item 5: PSC CUNY Awards Announced

Faculty members and PIs have been notified of awards. Traditional A awards are \$3500 max, and Traditional B awards are \$6000 max. Information about award winners can be sent to deans upon request. Enhanced awards will be announced in May.

Item 6: Grants Office Staffing Update

There have been some new hires and there are still some open positions in the Grants office. New hires include:

- HR Specialist Ms. Sheuly Begum (replacing Mr. Singh)

- Pre Award Grants Associate: Mr. Javier Martinez (replacing Mr. Ahmed)
- Ms. Latoya Watkis-Stewart has been promoted to Assistant Director.
- Pre-Award Manager is being actively recruited.
- Post-Award Manager is also being actively recruited.

The two open positions are CCNY positions and non-tax levy. Qualifications include experience in awards, with Cayuse, with federal agencies, inquiries can be sent to Director Baptiste Sexton.

Item 7: Upcoming Space Survey

The current Facilities and Administration (F&A) rate expires on 6/30/2023. To establish the new rate, the college must undergo a review of research space. The Space Survey will commence soon with a Grants Office member canvassing active research faculty to determine space on campus dedicated to their research. The survey is expected to conclude within the first half of fall semester. The goal is for the F&A rate to remain the same. RF CUNY oversees handling the negotiations.

Inquiries can be sent to Director Baptiste-Sexton.

Item 8: Research Seminar Series

Associate Provost Mary Ruth Strzeszewski and Executive Director of IR Nikisha Williams will host a meeting “Institutional Research at CCNY” on **Thursday, May 12, 2022** from 2:00-3:00PM. This session will address demographic data provided by the IR office, how to access data, and suggestions for improvement.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2022.