College Research Council Meeting 12
Time: 1-2 PM
Date: 12/15/21
Present: Director Baptiste-Sexton, Dean Couzis, Associate Dean Foster, Dean Gutman, Associate Professor Higney, Faculty Senate Chair Jeruzalmi, Chair Kretzschmar, Dean Lamboy, Dean Miller, Vice President Mozeleski, Chair Silber, CRC Chair Tinajero, Associate Dean Wesson, Senior Director Wooten

1. Approval of September 13 CRC Meeting Minutes:
    a. Dean Miller moved to strike item 3b from the minutes, the CRC approved.
2. Spring 2022 Meetings:
    a. CRC Chair Tinajero shared the Spring meeting dates in the Zoom chat, the CRC agreed to keep the meeting time of 1-2PM on Wednesdays.
3. Library Follow-Up:
    a. Dean Miller suggested that the committee discuss library services provided in support of faculty and student research.
    b. There was discussion about the search for a new chief librarian with regards to timeline and criteria; Chair Tinajero suggested finding a bilingual candidate.
4. Presentation by Dean Wesson: GRTI
    a. Dean Wesson shared the GRTI spreadsheet that was submitted to CUNY; everything that was requested was approved (almost $800,000 worth of equipment).
    b. Next steps: Luisa Hassan will contact each PI listed in column F of the spreadsheet and coordinate with them to order the equipment.
    c. The spreadsheet will be checked against the one received by DASNY for consistency.
    d. Faculty should receive emails from Luisa, if there are any questions or issues, contact Dean Wesson.
5. College-wide Research Vision (CRV):
    a. Dean Wesson shared a presentation on the CRV which was originally shared with the CCNY community on December 9, 2021.
        i. The presentation included information on the CRV timeline, and the 16 concept paper submissions received.
        ii. Dean Wesson noted some difficulty in tracking down submissions across various emails.
        iii. Dean Wesson also sorted the submissions into 4 temporary “bins” in terms of subject area.
    b. Next steps:
        i. The papers are published on the CCNY website, Dean Wesson would like to encourage the CCNY community to read the papers.
        ii. There has been an effort to bring in an external “Team Science” facilitator to coordinate the CRV teams going forward. “Team Science” is a method to bring people from across disciplines together to encourage substantive collaboration.
        iii. Professors Higney, Silberman, and Kretzschmar shared their feedback from meeting with external facilitator candidates.

iv. Dean Wesson hopes to reach a decision on a facilitator by the end of January/early February.

c. Answers to questions raised:
    i. Those who originally participated in submitting papers to the CRV are not required to continue; teams are not set in stone.
    ii. In the future there may be conflict of interest if CRC members are part of CRV submissions.
d. There was some debate over the way the papers were clustered and over the use of the term "Team Science."
    i. Dean Wesson noted the clusters were only a temporary way of categorizing the papers for the purpose of her presentation.
    ii. Dean Gutman shared that there would likely be pushback against using the term "Team Science" which might be off-putting to those in the humanities and may even lead to withdrawal of participation.
    iii. Dean Couzis suggested an in-person meeting of teams to have an open discussion which may lead to dismantling of some boundaries.
    iv. Dean Wesson shared that in discussion with external facilitators, she will raise the idea of finding a different term to describe the collaborative process.
e. Additional Concerns:
    i. Chair Tinajero raised some concern over the potential cost of bringing in an external facilitator; none of the candidates so far have given a quote. Dean Wesson noted that based on similar services in the past, the cost may be around $50k.
    ii. Chair Tinajero raised some concerns about initial publicity regarding who was allowed to participate in the CRV.