

## CRC Meeting 14

March 9, 2022

Present: Professor Aguasaco, Director Baptiste-Sexton, Dean Couzis, Associate Dean Foster, Dean Gutman, Associate Professor Higney, Chair Kretzschmar, Dean Lamboy, Dean Lima, Dean Miller, Vice President Mozeleski, Dean Perkins, Chair Silber, CRC Chair Tinajero, Associate Dean Wesson, Senior Director Wooten

**Item 1:** The February 2, 2022, minutes were approved.

**Item 2:** College-wide Research Vision (CRV) update. See presentation shared by Dean Wesson for details.

- Atkinson Training Group (ATG) was chosen to guide the CRV, Dean Wesson shared some preliminary feedback from ATG.
- The first meeting with PIs will occur on March 18, 2022.

**Item 3:** RFCUNY Legal Team

- Issue: RFCUNY's legal team experienced 2 losses in their attorney pool which has resulted in delays in processing paperwork.
- Context: RFCUNY conducts legal processes in all cases with contracts, once a PI receives an award notification, a contract is put in place between RFCUNY and the sponsoring agency. RFCUNY reviews contracts, and PIs cannot begin spending on awards until the legal consultation has been agreed upon and signed by RFCUNY and the sponsor. Typical negotiation processes take 2-3 weeks, lately it has taken multiple months, resulting in delays on spending and support for graduate students. The delays hurt CUNY/CCNY's reputation in the eyes of sponsors.
- There was general discussion about the situation and possible solutions.
- Dean Couzis proposed a solution based on the assumption that RF CUNY is experiencing some financial trouble. CCNY could approach Hunter as a partner and offer to hire 2 attorneys for RFCUNY who will prioritize the contracts for the two schools. CCNY and Hunter would provide the money up front and exclude these funds from their fees paid to RFCUNY. If this does not work, higher administration may be able to apply more pressure.

**Item 4:** RFCUNY On-Boarding Meeting

- Dean Wesson shared information about an RFCUNY presentation on March 10<sup>th</sup> regarding on-boarding.

**Item 5:** Updates from Dean Couzis and Senior Director Wooten on projects in progress

- Dean Couzis:
  - In October, CUNY was given \$10 million from the mayor's and governor's offices for infrastructure development as it relates to workforce development for wind power generation and green energy.
  - A proposal from CCNY was submitted that leveraged expertise in the domains of power generation and control of power grids and was tied to a Rangel center student workforce development center initiative to develop a simulation-based learning approach.

- These grants help CCNY establish its position as a premiere institute with regard to energy and workforce training.
- Sub-context: the Department of Energy is distributing \$8 billion across 4 hydrogen hubs, NYCERDA is responsible for one of the hubs, and CCNY has signed an MOU as an initial partner for the hub; this partnership has the potential to bring significant funds to CCNY.
- Senior Director Wooten:
  - The current status of the grant with the city is \$20 million, the total deal is \$350 million with real estate partner contributions, the deal is still pending.