

College Research Council Fall 2021 Meeting

Time: 1-2PM

Date: 9/29/21

Present: Associate Professor Aguasaco (in for Dean Mercado), Director Baptiste-Sexton, Assistant Professor Bolhassani (in for Dean Gutman), Dean Couzis, Assistant Professor Higney, Faculty Senate Chair Jeruzalmi, Chair Kretzschmar, Dean Lamboy, Dean Lima, Dean Miller, Vice President Mozeleski, Dean Perkins, Dean Rich, Chair Silber, Professor Tinajero, Associate Dean Wesson, Senior Director Wooten

Minutes:

1. The meeting opened with an election of a chair for the CRC in the fall for a 3-year term.
 - a. Criteria listed in the provost's memo and 2018 CRC Charter, which had originally been circulated but not published on the website, state: "The Chair of the CRC will be elected by the Council and will be a tenured faculty member at the rank of Full Professor, with a record of scholarly activity and sustained external funding."
 - i. Chair Jeruzalmi supported updating the website to include this information.
 - b. Dean Couzis nominated Chair Kretzschmar, Dean Lima seconded the nomination, Chair Kretzschmar accepted the nomination.
 - c. Professor Tinajero nominated Professor Higney, who was disqualified due to the "Full Professor" rank criteria.
 - d. Professor Aguasaco nominated Professor Tinajero, Chair Silber seconded the nomination, Professor Tinajero accepted the nomination.
 - e. Members of the CRC sent their votes to Chair Jeruzalmi who counted the votes off-screen, non-voting members included: Director Baptiste-Sexton, Vice President Mozeleski, Dean Wesson, and Senior Director Wooten
 - f. Professor Tinajero was announced by Chair Jeruzalmi as the new CRC Chair for a 3-year term.
2. While votes were tallied, Dean Wesson shared updates on previous agenda items and proposed items for future continued discussion.
 - a. Date and time for future CRC meetings: incoming CRC Chair Tinajero will confirm with CRC members not present if Wednesday 1-2 PM is available for them. If not, Chair Tinajero will send out a survey (Doodle or When2Meet) to find a time.
 - i. Frequency of meetings was debated and is to be determined.
 - ii. It was suggested that based on agenda items, not all CRC members be required to attend each meeting.
 - iii. The next meeting was set for **Wednesday, October 20 from 1-2PM.**
 - b. GRTI: once the Engineering School submits data, Dean Wesson will submit everything to CUNY as a package; after review by CUNY, there will likely be continued discussions throughout the year.
 - c. College-wide Safety Committee: suggested by EHOS and schools & divisions in the college; it was suggested that the safety committee be under the auspices of the CRC as the deans are associated. College-wide audits relative to safety can be brought to the CRC and to the purview of the deans.

- d. College-wide Research Vision (CRV) (previously Building Research Barriers (BRB))
 - i. Timeline: CRV will be announced on October 1st and will be included in the Town Hall Meeting on October 21.
 - ii. After announcements, concept papers will be collected for review by the CRC.
 - e. CAYUSE Modules:
 - i. Conflict of Interest (COI) & Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) modules will help with research compliance. To be rolled out in January 2022
 - ii. CRC will provide feedback and input from faculty members about how modules are received and how training is going.
 - f. Book Proposal:
 - i. There was debate about next steps regarding the book proposal.
 - ii. Dean Wesson reported that the project still needed to be finalized and put forward.
 - iii. There was a unanimous vote of support for the project during the last CRC meeting, however, there was debate over whether financing for the project had to be identified by the proposers for the project to go forward.
 - iv. Vice President Mozeleski offered for Dean Rich, Dean Couzis, and Dean Miller to meet with Annika Luedke to explore possible funding options, and noted that no funding could come from the Foundation, tax-levy, or RF.
3. Role and Purpose of the CRC: during the discussion, Dean Rich raised the question of the purpose of the CRC.
- a. Original role: Chair Jeruzalmi shared that the CRC was established as an advisory body with final decisions being made by the president or a designee.
 - i. Dean Wesson also emphasized the advisory nature of the CRC to the Associate Provost of Research, who advises the provost and president.
 - ii. Chair Jeruzalmi noted that the CRC develops its own procedures.
 - b. Frustrations: Dean Lamboy emphasized the importance of the committee, and noted concerns raised about lack of clarity around decision making, lack of follow-up to matters discussed in CRC meetings, and a lack of conclusion to conversations.
 - c. Future: Chair Jeruzalmi expressed a desire to sort out confusion over membership and welcomed exploration of change by the college and faculty but emphasized that the advisory nature was not negotiable.