

Minutes Research Council December 21, 2017

Attending: Christine Bravo (OSP), Pixy Ferris (COAC), Annamarie Klose Hrubes (Library), Cyril Ku (COSH), Lisa Warner (COE, attending virtually), Martin Williams (OSP), Jan Pinkston (University Honors), SoYon Rim (COHSS), Stephen Betts (CCOB)

Absent: Kwan-Lamar Blunt-Hill; Matthew Crick

I. The meeting was convened by Chair, Lisa Warner, at 12.40. The committee thanks OSP, which provided pizza, soda and cookies for the meeting.

II. Approval of minutes. The November minutes were circulated by email. No changes were made.

III. Discussion of Open Access Charge

1. -Rich discussed the draft Open Access policy that he had circulated to the committee last month (no feedback received). He will write an accompanying rationale.
2. Richard has just submitted an article on Open Access to the NJLA newsletter, which was beneficial in that he learned more about the two NJ institutions of Higher Ed that have an existing policy (Rutgers and Princeton). The process of adopting a policy was very different at the two institutions. Princeton had a Repository in place for 4 years before instituting a policy, Rutgers more of the traditional route, but adopted policy in one year. Both had buy-in from the upper Administration before the policy was introduced, so advance buy-in is important. Based on his research Richard feels that before our policy submitted to Senate it needs to be discussed at the department and college levels.
3. Richard feels this committee should do a survey of the faculty assessing support of Open Access publication. He will access Assoc. Provost Sandra Hill to send an announcement reminding faculty of the existence of said support. Richard will work on the survey. Martin suggested that Senate send the survey to faculty and professional staff. Using Qualtrics or Survey Monkey.
4. Anna reported that the Institutional Repository will be up and running in January.
5. Anna invited more members to join the Open Access Working Group. Steve will join, and Pixy suggested that someone from HSS be invited. Rich will locate a faculty member who's published in OA journals and invite him/her.

IV. Update on RSC Working Group

1. Charge was to complete a report with 5-7 recommendations and submit it by December 15, 2017. This was done, with recommendations tied to actionable timelines. Although the ad hoc working group has met its charge, the Provost has requested a meeting in January.

2. In Spring 2018, this Council will have an official member (Matt Crick, replacing Pixy Ferris) from the RSC Working Group.

V. Update on Explorations

1. Martin has created a draft electronic submission/registration form for Explorations (www.wpunj.edu/osp/explorations), probably to be deployed in January after the Spring semester begins. To submit, one picks the session one is interested in (Poster, Sponsored Program, Partner Program and Faculty Open Session). Up to 9 sessions within a time block. Individual presenters can submit their abstracts or one submitter can submit information for all the panelists in one session. (Cyril suggested drop-down menus defining each type of session.) Submitter or individual presenters will then select the time and date of their session. Submission page isn't live yet.
2. Martin demonstrated the Explorations 2018 Master Schedule. It will span two weeks starting April 10. The Author Reception and Interdisciplinary Poster Session will be on April 12. April 17 will be TAC and Honors. April 18 will be Faculty Open Sessions. Honors College sessions will span April 17-19, with banquet on April 20 evening. April 19 HSS. April 20 Paterson Research Group will have an all-day session. Note that Explorations encompass the whole month of April, and all ancillary stuff (like from Arts & Comm) will be listed in the broader program.
3. Lisa asked about author information for the Author Reception. Anna discussed working with the Digital Measures group about possibly acquiring publication information through Digital Measures. Sandra Hill will discuss it with college deans to see if that is acceptable.
4. Jan confirmed that Honors College will do their presentations separately but concurrently.
5. Steve confirmed that the College of Business will use the same structure as last year i.e., 14 groups of 1-3 faculty, to be held in Valley Road on dates that are Steve's choice. The Dean suggested that their sessions be streamed live, recorded and then made available on the web. Steve will investigate and let the committee know.
6. Pixy confirmed that she has worked with Associate Dean McLaughlin-Vignier to get the various events at the College of A&C linked with Explorations. Matt will become the point person to submit the info for each of the Partner Programs (e.g., film festival, student photography and exhibits, graduate presentations in each department and so on) and should also compile a master list and send it to Martin. Martin noted that College of Arts and Comm creative works will be part of the college's Partner Program. The COAC member will need to coordinate submission of each of the COAC Partner events.
7. Pixy suggested that links to the program (and past programs) be provided in the Open Access Repository

VI. January meeting date

The Council will meet on Thursday, February 1, 12.30 (tentative date, subject to confirmation for all the members of the Council).

VII. New Business

Matt Crick confirmed by email that he will be replacing Pixy Ferris both while on Sabbatical and for the rest of this term. He will be attending the January meeting.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 1.50 pm (Motion made by Cyril.)

Respectfully submitted,

Pixy Ferris

(Secretary Pro-tem)