

Minutes

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Expression Council Meeting November 8, 2021 – 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Guests: Associate Provost for Curriculum and International Education Jonathan Lincoln and Associate Academic Affairs Provost Kara Rabbitt

Present: Co-Chair Nick Hirshon, Co-Chair Debbie Mohammed, Jan Pinkston, Kate Boschert, Wendy Christensen, Dave Williams, Richard Huizar, Gladys Vega, Babita Srivastava, Andrey Kretinin

Absent: Christine Bravo, Tom Fallace, Lissette Gonzalez

1) Opening

As Co-Chair Debbie Mohammed was not present, Co-Chair Nick Hirshon opened the meeting.

2) Guest Speaker: Associate Provost for Curriculum and International Education Jonathan Lincoln and Associate Academic Affairs Provost Kara Rabbitt

J. Lincoln presented the following suggestions: How can undergrad students, especially freshman get involved in research and scholarship programs? We need to especially encourage seniors to get more involved because they are going to graduate. The concern is to get a wide group of diverse students. K. Rabbitt presented: How is faculty working on research across different areas? We should contact the Deans to encourage the faculty to get involved in encouraging the seniors. J. Lincoln followed up with: We should provide introductory level classes for undergraduate students, and they should experience laboratory experiments. We should make small groups so that we may be able to involve more diverse groups. K. Rabbit then suggested: We need to increase visibility through websites, online communication, etc. so that we can attract more students and get them more involved. J. Lincoln said that maybe next year, we can create a strategy so that we may encourage the students to achieve capstone. We should get assistance from workshops from relevant offices. K. Rabbitt said that we should try to get the faculty to work in groups and to encourage students to engage and make it more accessible.

3) Discussion of the Topic

R. Huizar suggested that we should put together a journal where they may publish their research online but only undergrads. We should be more conscious of promoting undergrads. J. Pinkston said that honors groups can also be the host for undergrad research honors program. D. Williams suggested that the library should be involved and promote services. They should promote the online publishing platform. The library should open journal publications. K. Rbabitt said that the library can help the students bring concrete ideas for research. We should be engaging and encouraging students and bringing awareness. D. Mohammed suggested that the students should also be rewarded for their research work. We could make a top 5 student scholar ranking. The reward can be a lunch ceremony or recognition/acknowledgement during commencement. K. Boschert asked how can we get people involved and focus on output, not input.

Last year, members surveyed other research programs in other universities. We should get feedback from them to see how they are doing so that we may get more ideas. N. Hirshon should request the departments to include the research and scholarship program in course outlines. Encourage more seniors to get involved so that the freshmen may get inspired from seniors.

4) Summary of the meeting

We need to involve more students to be more aware of participating in the research program and the most important thing is that we need to make sure to bring in more diversity. We should bring new ideas from other research universities and request the Deans to involve the faculty.

Chair N. Hirshon adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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