

Year-End Report

1. **Council:** Research, Scholarship, and Creative Expression Council
2. **Academic Year:** 2022-2023
3. **Council Members:** Chair Nick Hirshon (COHSS), Thomas Fallace (COE), Andrey Kretinin (CCOB), Anthony Mayo (OSP), Jill Nocella (COSH), Jan Pinkston (Professional Staff Rep), Babita Srivastava (CCOB), David Williams (Library)
4. **Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities:**

Standing Charges:

1. Promote Faculty, Librarian, Professional Staff, and Adjunct Faculty scholarship; identify, on an ongoing basis, current and anticipated faculty, librarian, professional staff and adjunct faculty needs with regard to scholarship and research and recommend strategies designed to meet those needs.

The Council met with Faculty Senate Vice Chairperson Carrie Hong at its Nov. 21 meeting to discuss promoting scholarship on campus. Specifically, Council members inquired whether Digital Measures data can be mined to determine the extent of faculty research with students and how to archive scholarship more comprehensively within the WPSphere Repository maintained by Cheng Library.

2. Support the continued efforts to build academic research networks on and beyond the William Paterson campus.

Council members arranged for their colleges to present at Explorations at hybrid sessions on April 18 and April 20. Council Chair Nick Hirshon, who researches journalism history, organized and moderated the keynote event at Explorations: a panel discussion on the history of investigative journalism on April 19. The panel featured several contributors to a special issue of the academic journal *American Journalism* that Dr. Hirshon edited in Fall 2022 on the history of investigative journalism: *Inside Edition* chief investigative correspondent Lisa Guerrero, Katie Strang of The Athletic, Isaac Avilucea of Axios, and Thomas Zambito of *USA Today*. Two copies of Guerrero's new memoir, *Warrior: My Path to Being Brave*, were raffled to students. Members of *American Journalism's* sponsoring organization, the American Journalism Historians Association, watched the panel discussion live on Zoom, bringing national recognition to William Paterson as an institution dedicated to scholarship.

3. Review, yearly and as needed, the policies, procedures, and guidelines for each of the following:

- a. Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects,*
- b. Scientific and Academic Fraud and Misconduct,*
- c. Assigned Research Time Application and Selection.*

Senate Governance Council Chair Gary Marks spoke at the Council's Jan. 30 meeting and asked Council members to reflect on updating this particular charge. Marks and the Council members agreed that point 3c, relating to Assigned Research Time, should be eliminated since ART is negotiated by the Union and not under the Council's purview. Council members also said they could not recall instances when the Senate advised the Council to review Institutional Review Board procedures or policies for Scientific and Academic Fraud and Misconduct. Marks said the Faculty Senate would release a report in 2023 that would clarify Council members' obligations.

Additional Charges

- 1) Identify strategies to encourage and recognize undergraduate research, including methods that William Paterson's peer and aspirational universities have employed.*
- 2) Discuss whether the Honors College's student research pilot program, including a one-credit project, could be expanded to more or all William Paterson students.*

The Research Council had recommended these charges in its 2021-2022 year-end report after Associate Provost Jonathan Lincoln encouraged the Council to explore methods to increase undergraduate research. The Council invited Honors College Dean Barbara Andrew to its Jan. 30 meeting to learn about the college's research program with a one-credit project. The Council then invited Lincoln to its March 27 meeting to discuss the prospect of expanding the one-credit research classes offered in the Honors College to the entire WP student population. Lincoln encouraged any departments that want to pursue the one-credit course to do so, but he said he did not want to require this university-wide because of a lack of resources and a recognition that the demographics of the WP student population at large do not match the Honors College's.

Council members discussed alternative options for encouraging student research, such as sponsoring a panel discussion on high-impact practices to incorporate research into courses and

awarding Pioneer Life badges to students. The Council hopes to investigate these options in the 2023-2024 academic year.

3) Advise the new Director of the OSP with regard to recommendations and strategies to meet research needs on campus.

The Council advised OSP Director Anthony Mayo throughout the academic year on encouraging student research and planning Explorations. Before Explorations, Mayo met with the Deans from each college to discuss ways to incentivize student participation, such as offering service badges for presenting and attending, scheduling events during common hours, and asking chairs to encourage the students in their departments to present capstone projects. In addition to organizing Explorations, Mayo told the Council that he was looking into publications that would introduce students to the peer-review process and reviewing the agreement on Assigned Research Time between the AFT and the administration. The Council looks forward to receiving updates from Mayo in the 2023-2024 academic year.

5. Recommended Charges for the next Academic Year:

- 1) Collaborate with the Center for Teaching Excellence to organize a panel discussion on high-impact practices to incorporate research into courses.
- 2) Investigate the feasibility of awarding Pioneer Life badges from the Office of Campus Activities, Service & Leadership to students who complete research projects.