

Research and Creative Activity 2/20/24 Meeting Report, 4 pm to 5 pm

In attendance: Faruk Arslan, Taryn Price, Susan Beck, Frank Boutsen, Thomas Manz, Hyunin Baek, Hameed Badaway

The group discussed ideas for us to work on for the remainder of the Spring term. One senator began the conversation by expressing concern that there was very little interdisciplinary collaboration within the University. There is also far too little communication, in general, between colleges, and between admin and faculty. Another senator mentioned a website, the “Expertise Portal,” and how that might be a good start. The website was an idea in 202 that never came to fruition but could act as a medium between interdisciplinary faculty who may wish to publish together. Another senator mentioned that if R1 status is to be a factor, more incentive for high-quality publishing is needed; and most likely the incentive would be monetary. Another senator mentioned a possible incentive as any PI research funding overhead going back to the PI (instead of the institution) for I&G spending. Taryn plans to invite Tanner Schaub, Luis Cifuentes, and a member of the URC to the next meeting.