

Brief report

Monthly meeting: Standing Committee of Research and Creative Activities

Attendees: Amanda Ashley, Taryn Price, Lisa Hermanson, Hameed Badawy, Faruk Arslan, Omer Holguin, Runwei Li, Peter Smoak, Frank Boutsen, Thomas Manz, Jianjun Paul Tian

Time: 4pm - 5:15pm, September 19, 2024

Format: zoom meeting online

Meeting brief:

This was the first meeting of the Standing Committee for Research and Creative Activities (RCA) in the fall 2024. We were exploring several topics or concerns within the members and tried to set up an agenda for the committee. These topics included (1) faculty research impact and tenure & promotion, faculty research impact and promotion to full professor, (2) faculty research impact and salary increases, (3) For faculty members who have grants, 150% of summer salary or supplemental pay, about reformulation or extension of ARP 734 and ARP 753.

Some member was concerned that the topic (1) and (2) may not be assigned to the Standing Committee of RCA or may not be agreed by the chair of the Faculty Senate because those topics may be assigned to other Standing Committees.

For the topic (3), some member considered it should be taken up by the Union because the faculty senate has no bargaining power. Some member thought the data of grant agents' policy about "overload" salary budgets is needed. If there are some grant agents that allow overload salary budget, this can be great support and rational base for the proposal of reformulation of ARP 734 and ARP 753 to the center administration. Some member said they would have their support from their college dean or associate dean.

Reported by: Paul Tian, the chair of the Standing Committee of RCA

Report time: September 30, 2024