



Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate Research Committee Standing Committee Annual Report May 21st – December 3rd 20201

Members of the committee, Faculty Senate year 2021/22: McDonnell (Co-Chair), Sarkar (Co-Chair), Kurtzman (Executive Committee liaison), faculty (voting): Applebaum, Baird, Barzani, Bosque-Pardos, Cohen-Cole, Darcy Mahoney, El-Ghazawi, Engel, Kay, Kumar, Kusner, Lagadec, Lill, Medlej, Pintz, Subiaul, Vonortas, Warren, Wei, Westwater, Young, ; postdoc: Cox (voting); ex officio (non-voting): ADRs Downie (CCAS), Freund (GSEHD), Zhang (SEAS), Cornwell (ESIA), Mallinson (SMHS), Hall (SMHS), Miller (SMHS), Geiger-Brown (SON), Hyder (SPH), Colby (LAW), Perry (GWSB), Sommers (Library), AVP Research Lohr, Interim VP Berg; VP Research Norris, Provost Bracey.

Meetings: The Faculty Senate Research Committee held monthly meetings on the first Friday afternoon of every month via Zoom (September – December). Additional meetings were held over the summer (6/4, 7/2, 8/6). The committee has met 7 times.

OVPR & POD Functioning. The POD leaders have provided monthly updates to the committee as the POD structure has been taking shape and staff positions are being backfilled. FSRC members voiced concerns about the level of support and the HR related difficulties to fully staff the PODs and the OSP. The committee is thankful to OVPR and POD administration for attending each meeting and engaging with the FSRC. POD leaders presented a one-year report on POD organization and functioning in the November meeting. The report indicated that the organizational framework of the POD is still under-development. It noted the difficulties associated with the changing leadership, shared services, COVID-19 and frequent staff departures. It underscored the need for more resources for supporting the research infrastructure. At this point, the PODs have not experienced a 'steady state' and an outcome evaluation of the POD is premature.

GW Vice Provost of Research. Dr. Pam Norris after assuming the charge of the VP Research on November 1, 2021, has attended two FSRC monthly meetings. She has been informed about the ecosystem reviews and charges accorded to the committee by FSEC. We wish to thank Dr. Carla Berg for her service as the interim VP for Research.

Board of Trustees (BOT): The committee discussed with Provost Bracey the configuration of the BOT committees and the committee noted that the current organization lacks representation for the university research ecosystem.

FSEC Charge: During the November and December meetings, the charge of the FSEC was discussed and an agenda for the 2022 year will be drafted.