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Approved Minutes
November 19, 2024

Meeting time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Attendance: Karen Fletcher, Alan Needle, Ashlea Green, Christine Hendren, Twila Wingrove, Ellen Lamont, Shante' Mathes, Grace Plummer, Nimet Degirmencioglu, Chauntee Thrill, Billy Armstrong, Ashley Colquitt, Nicholas Cline, Reza Foroughi, Becki Battista, Xiaofei Tu, Dennis Guignet

Guests: Katie Shoaf

Excused: Ashley Marshall, Jennifer McGee

Thank you, Grace Plummer, for volunteering to take minutes

Approval of Minutes (3 mins) - will vote in November

> September 17, 2024
> October 22, 2024
> Motion to Approve both sets of minutes by: for September: Shante Mathes, October: Billy Armstrong
> Motion seconded by: September: Nicholas Cline, October: Ellen Lamont
> Motion to approve the September and October 2024 minutes passed

New Business

I. URC grant discussion w/ Katie Shoaf:
   A. Gratitude for completing reviews, atypical term due to Hurricane Helene;
   B. Grant Panel Discussion
   C. Motion by Alan Needle to fund all scores highlighted in green, seconded by Billy Armstrong; motion passes;
   D. Motion by Billy Armstrong to fund an additional proposal, seconded by Reza Foroughi; motion passes
   E. Language re: allowable costs - this topic will be added to a future URC meeting

II. Discussion: how is RSCA celebrated and promoted in your dpt/college/unit?
   A. The Graduate School hosts a spring awards ceremony- recognizes mentorship and graduate faculty and graduate student research. 3MT competition and winner of this competition travels to the regional 3MT competition at the Council of Southern Graduate Schools annual meeting each year to compete(usually in March).

B. Office of Student Research hosts the Celebration of Student Research and Creative Endeavors in April. This is done every spring semester in mid to late April.

C. WCOB: Dean's Club research grants ($1000 for small pilot projects); Dean's Club poster day (awarded faculty and students present projects funded by Dean's Club with poster); Barnes grant ($1000 grant to fund student research). Some awards for past research, including Sywassink Award for Excellence in Research, and Dean's Club research prize.

D. Econ Dept: Brashear Prize to best undergraduate student paper, and best student presentation (now offering every semester).

E. Languages: will make recommendations to the chair about research celebration.

F. Geological & Environmental Sciences/CAS: announcements of grant awarded via social media (instagram, facebook, twitter/x), celebration of paper publication is way more variable partly depending on impact (e.g., big time journal, important contribution to field) and by author/faculty member (is person inclined to self promotion - will likely get more play if so). It would be nice to be able to have this be more equitable where any published paper/grant is profiled in some way for social media/website news story. The Dean's office in CAS is typically aware of every publication because they often cost-share on publication fees, so could add a requirement of this cost-share that PI uploads a blurb on the significance of the study + graphic to use in some kind of media profile. Then other mechanism is awards, which I think are often university level and fairly limited in terms of number. This is good to certain extent (they're hard to get), but also can't recognize many.

G. School of Music: 3 annual faculty showcase recitals, numerous other performances by faculty, including collaboration with large ensembles, bi-weekly newsletter - Keeping Time which highlights recent work by faculty/staff, students, and alumni, Facebook posts by HSOM Facebook page, Music Therapy highlights graduate student work, Music in the Humanities Series brings scholars and community members together in a series of talks

H. University Libraries (UL) Bivens Grant funding supports research/creative activities, among other projects for UL faculty/staff. Recent student art competition.

I. Public Health & Exercise Science: Departmental research seminars (that's about it…) ; Rehabilitation Sciences: Acknowledgement at department meetings of research achievements.

J. Education: Newsletters, promotion on social media,acknowledgement at college-wide meetings and maybe department level

K. College of Health Sciences: Research newsletters, From Here to Health Podcast, Journal of the Appalachian Institute for Health & Wellness, recognition at college-wide meetings. Many Departments do separate recognitions, such as emails or recognitions at meetings.

L. Sociology: Department does very little to celebrate scholarship. College of Arts and Sciences has annual awards and there is also someone in the college who will write up stories about your research and post on social media. I sent my important announcements to the college because the department doesn't promote. We do

brown bags and writing group, but most senior faculty don't attend so it's just junior faculty for the most part.

M. The STBE department holds a research gallery at the end of the year. It's also announced in our departmental meetings.

N. Applied design: There is a new Dean award to Early career faculty. Two faculty from different departments need to collaborate to receive the funding. There is also a PR person in the college who will write up stories about your research and post on social media. They promote students who won awards.

Announcements (5 mins)

- Office of Student Research - Research Grants are available in February. Travel Grants are still available and must be completed at least one month prior to departure.
- Save the Date - Annual Celebration of Student Research and Creative Endeavors - Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- Appalachian Excellence: Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity podcasts launched to feature App State research
- RIEEE and ORI/GRS hosting a research roll call December 10 (tentative) for Helene-related research efforts

Next meeting January 21, 2025, 4:00pm

Adjournment at 4:59pm

Motion to Adjourn by N/A

Motion seconded by N/A