

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH  
MINUTES  
October 3, 2017**

**Present:** Dejan Milutinović (*chair*), James Doucet-Battle, Jennifer Gonzalez, Jose Renau, Marilou Sison-Mangus, Ben Storm, Peter Limbrick, Alex McDaniel (GSR)

**Absent:** Charles Hedrick, Ahmet Ali Yanik

**Conducting Committee Business**

Chair Milutinović provided members a brief overview of how the committee conducts its business, members responsibilities and the recusal process. He reviewed in detailed the confidentiality agreement and consultation procedure which included the ineligibility for members to apply to the special research grant. By show of hands, all members attested to the agreement. Members also discussed and agreed to continue the standing invitation to the Vice Chancellor for Research Scott Brandt to facilitate collaborations on campus initiatives and kept abreast of research issues.

**COR Proactive Agenda for 2017-18**

VCR Brandt has informed the Chair that he is interested in pursuing larger grants institutionally. Members discussed the role they may have in providing advice and/or direction on for faculty whom are pursuing large grant initiatives. One idea was to form teams based on the discipline and to have faculty who have won or are winning grants to give advice. There was a concern that the focus and resource put into the large grant initiative may potentially displace resource for the Arts and Humanities division where large grants is non-existent. Member will consult with VCR Brandt at the next meeting to learn more about his initiative.

Members raised their concern that faculty do not seem to know where to go for help relating to research grant and would like to work this year to facilitate better organization and more support for faculty research. For example, there are divisional individuals who send out calls for grant, but it would be useful to have a campus wide communication. The committee would like to collaborate with the Office of Research to figure out how to better support research on campus.

**COR Grant Programs & Budget**

Chair Milutinović shared that in the past, the Office of Research has provided additional seed funding for the special research grants (SRG) and that the Chancellor's Office has generously offered to provide additional research funding for Assistant Professors. Members decided to continue the current practice for the new faculty research grant (NFRG) and faculty research grant (FRG) call and proceeded to finalize the upcoming NFRG call.

In future meetings, members would like to discuss the restriction on COR's research grant, specifically the non-allowable expenses such as subventions. Members will also consider increasing the funded amount and will review and revise the call for the faculty research grant.