

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
RESEARCH AND GRANTS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING: February 10, 2023 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: March 10, 2023

Sub. to Exec. Comm. March 13, 2023 Approved by Exec. Comm. _____

Sub. to Acad. Senate _____ Approved by Acad. Senate _____

POLICY ITEMS: _____

Members Present:

Karin Crowhurst (Chair), Amanda Baugh, Kyle Dewey, Magdy Rizk, Christoph Schaal, Sung Wook Yoon, Claudia Toledo-Corral, Pete Goldschmidt, Minsung Kwon, Yolanda Vasquez-Salgado

Member(s) absent:

Andrew Weiss

Staff:

Christopher Sanford, Naty Palos

I) Call to order

- Meeting called to order by Karin Crowhurst at 10am
- Crowhurst Introduced Dr. Yolanda Vasquez-Salgado, new committee member from the college of Social and Behavioral Sciences, replacing Dr. David Ballard and Dr. Amanda Baugh from the college of Humanities.

II) Approval of December 9, 2022, meeting minutes

- Minutes unanimously approved.

III) Ongoing Business

- **Continued discussion the large grant program structure**
Crowhurst followed up on last month's discussion regarding the large grant program structure. She mentioned that a proposal has been put forward regarding restructuring/reassessing how the large grant program allocates units. She asked the committee if they had any further thoughts to pursue a slight or major modification of the large grant program structure. The committee continued the discussion and agreed that it might be useful to engage with the CFA and Academic Affairs about some ideas of rolling over units.
- **Discussion about Grant-Related/Specially-Funded Instructional Faculty Appointments (GRIF)**
Christopher Sanford briefly summarized what he had presented previously about GRIF appointments. They are a Grant Related / Instructional Faculty appointment, they are 12-month temporary appointments that are in recognition of outstanding grant activity and they carry a temporary base salary increase in the range of 5 to 35%. It is based on a memo from the Chancellor's office back in 2003 and was adopted by all CSUs to promote high levels of research activity. This is a section 600 policy, under section 652 of the administrative manual that is overseen by PP&R. Sanford met with PP&R a couple of weeks ago and discussed that although section 652.6 states this policy will be assessed in 5 years to determine its utility and effectiveness, to our knowledge an assessment of GRIF has never been conducted and is currently now overdue by nine years. PP&R is pursuing

the possibility of having an outside consultant do the assessment. Sanford opened and continued the discussion with the committee.

- **Update on RSCA – promoting applications from each college – deadline: February 21**
Crowhurst reminded the committee that the RSCA applications are due on February 21. She asked the committee to remind their colleges of the upcoming deadline. She also mentioned that a practice review of RSCA applications will take place at the March R&G meeting. It was asked how many grants will be awarded, Crowhurst said it will be approximately 35-36 awards.

IV) New Business

- **RSCA logistics and review training, March review practice session**

Crowhurst mentioned that committee members will receive three practice proposals from different disciplines by the end of next week to review and discuss at the March meeting in preparation for the RSCA ranking meeting in April. The practice proposals will be posted in InfoReady, and this will give everyone an opportunity to use the InfoReady system. The deadline for submitting the practice proposals will be March 8. Crowhurst will review and prepare them for discussion at the March meeting.

Crowhurst mentioned the RSCA applications will be assigned by Angel Vasquez-Lozada of RSP to each committee member by Monday, March 6, and members are asked to check immediately to make sure they do not have a conflict of interest with any application assigned to them. If there is a conflict of interest, please reach out to Vasquez-Lozada as soon as possible. Each member can receive approximately 40 applications; the number will depend on how many applications are received and there will be three reviewers assigned to each application.

Crowhurst reviewed and discussed the scoring rubric with the committee. She mentioned that the Rubric is posted in the Box folder and to use it as a guide for the practice proposals and if there are any suggested comments to the Rubric it can be discussed at the March meeting.

Crowhurst reviewed with the committee the procedures for the in-person RSCA review meeting scheduled for April 14th.

V) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.