

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

MINUTES OF MEETING: May 12, 2023 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: September 8, 2023
Sub. to Exec. Comm. September 8, 2023 Approved by Exec. Comm. _____
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POLICY ITEMS: _____

Members Present:

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

Member(s) Absent: Amanda Baugh, Pete Goldschmidt

Staff:

Naty Palos

Guests:

Edgar Lopez, Wayne Smith, Connie Wong, Chris Bolsmann, Lynn Lampert

- I) Call to order**
- Meeting called to order by Karin Crowhurst at 10:00 a.m.
 - Crowhurst welcomed and introduced the new members of the committee – Connie Wong representing College of Education, Chris Bolsmann, representing College of HHD and Lynn Lampert representing the Library.
- II) Approval of March 10, 2023, meeting minutes**
- Minutes unanimously approved.
- III) Visitor**
- **10:05 am: Wayne Smith (Department of Management) spoke about access to the research and education hypercluster – Nautilus**
Crowhurst introduced Wayne Smith from the College of Business and Economics- Department of Management. Smith provided a presentation on the Advanced (Research/Education) Computing. He mentioned that “Research computing” is now part of the formal strategic plan of the CSUN division of IT. He briefly spoke about Nautilus computer system and mentioned this system is a super computer that connects the CSU systems together with very fast internet connections and is managed by UC San Diego. It is a system used for both storage and intended primarily for analysis. More information on the this can be found at <https://nationalresearchplatform.org/nautilus>. Yolanda Vasquez-Salgado asked if it is possible to schedule a demo of the system. Smith answered that a workshop will be offered in the fall semester.
- IV) Ongoing Business**
- Crowhurst shared and provided an overview of the success rate from the RSCA competition by college compared to last year’s competition. The committee reviewed approximately 88 proposals this year.

- **Modifications to the RSCA RFP and scoring rubric**
Crowhurst asked the committee if they would like to discuss items/modifications they would like for the RSCA RFP and scoring rubric that were brought up during the review last month. Some items discussed were how many proposals can be submitted by PIs or co-PIs, IRB requirements, re-naming some categories, how information is entered into the InfoReady systems, clarify the difference of prior proposals submitted, not enough emphasis on student involvement, etc.
- **Ideas for being an effective liaison to each college**
Crowhurst mentioned that if anyone had any thoughts/ideas on being an effective liaison for our colleges. A suggestion was to offer an info session to learn about RSCA, distribute documentation/flyer during faculty orientation, hold office hours in our college so faculty can ask the representatives questions regarding RSCA and/or grants, have the R&G committee meet with tenure track faculty at the beginning of the academic year to introduce different funding opportunities.

Edgar Lopez, of RSP, mentioned that RSP distributes a newsletter to faculty regarding grants/limited submissions and is open to suggestions on how to communicate better to faculty. Crowhurst suggested a separate page of opportunities on the RSP website for each college. Lopez also mentioned that RSP has a partnership with Hanover Research that assist faculty with reviewing and providing feedback with their proposals.
- **Update on changes to Large Grant Program and Intellectual Property policy**
Tabled to a later date.

V) ***New Business***

Election of committee chair for 2023-2024

Crowhurst reviewed the responsibilities of the position of Chair for the R&G Committee and asked for nominations. The committee re-nominated Crowhurst and voted unanimously that she continue for another term as Chair of the R&G committee for AY2023 - 2024.

Crowhurst thanked Minsung Kwon, Andrew Weiss and Pete Goldschmidt for their work and contribution to the committee and also thanked the continuing members for their commitment to the R&G committee during the past year.

VI) ***Adjournment***

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.