

**2018-2019 Annual Summary Report
Research and Grants Committee**

The Research and Grants Committee of the Faculty Senate is charged with making recommendations pertaining to faculty research and creative activities and to foster an atmosphere where these activities can flourish. The Committee is committed to the idea that research and creative activity are not only part of the stated CSUN mission, but are a vital part of our academic environment.

Membership List:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>College/Dept</u>	<u>End Term</u>
Rais Ahmad	Office/Dept 3419/2166	E&CS/Civil Engineering and Construction Management	2019
Wendy Ashley	3607 / 7630	S&BS/ Social Work	2019
Mariam Beruchashvili	2420/2458	BAE/Marketing	2019
Michael Bryson	5695	HUM/ English	2021
Michael Carter	5904/2827	S&BS/Psychology	2020
Zhen Chai	4604	EDUC/Educational Psychology & Counseling	2021
Karin Crowhurst	4288	SCI&M/Chemistry and Biochemistry	2021
Dena Herman * (Chair)	4086	HHD/FCS	2019
Ding Li	4729/2277	University Library	2020
Michelle Rozic	0173	AMC/Art	2021
Suzanne Spear	6991/2340	HHD/Health Sciences	2020
Sheree Schragger	2901	Executive Secretary Research and Graduate Studies	

*Faculty Senate Appointee

Meeting Dates:

September 14, 2018

October 12, 2018

November 9, 2018

December 14, 2018

February 8, 2019

March 8, 2019

April 12, 2019 (All day RSCA Ranking mtg, 9am – 4pm)

May 10, 2019

Summary of Activities:

- ◆ Met with Senate Executive Committee Liaison – Dr. Nazaret Dermendijian, who read and reviewed the charge with the committee.
- ◆ Reviewed applications for the Jerome Richfield Memorial Fellow and forwarded recommendations to AVP C. Khachikian.
- ◆ Reviewed IDC report posed questions re: distribution to PI's, department, and college, and proportions received.
- ◆ Discussed and decided that not enough consensus for colleges to administer the RSCA, so administration of opportunity will remain as is currently.
- ◆ Developed idea to present workshops to colleges prior to release of RFP for RSCA competition to educate applicants about opportunity.
 - Developed, reviewed, and revised a PowerPoint presentation that was used to inform underrepresented colleges of the Research, Scholarship and Creativity Award (RSCA).
 - Presentation was made by R&G membership in their colleges with the PowerPoint presentation and also to Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by FacDev.
 - Audio was added to the PowerPoint presentation and this was uploaded to the R&G website so that the campus was able learn about the RSCA opportunity (<https://www.csun.edu/research-graduate-studies/research-sponsored-programs/csun-csu-program>). The video received a total of 295 hits by the end of the committee year.
- ◆ Oversight of 2019-2020 CSUN Competition for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards
 - Review and revision of process, guidelines, rubric, and application form
 - Review and ranking of submitted proposals by committee members
 - Discussion and final ranking of proposals to determine awardees
 - Out of 108 proposals submitted, 33 were funded for a total of \$ 188,641.
 - There were increased numbers of submissions from the following colleges: HHD, SBS, Business and Economics, and Arts and Communications. Business and Economics experienced a 275% increase in submissions since 2018-2019.
- ◆ Elected a new Chair for the 2019-20 Research and Grants Committee.

Future Activities of the Research and Grants Committee:

- ◆ Drafted and approved correspondence to applicants of RSCA awards.
- ◆ Made recommendations for passing policy about indirect costs.
- ◆ Recommendations to Provost for Jerome Richfield Memorial Fellow
- ◆ Oversight of 2019-2020 CSUN Competition for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards: review video produced for dissemination of information to increase number and types of applicants (more diversity across colleges).