

Faculty Senate Research Programs and Policies Committee

Annual Report: Academic Year 2021-22

April 25, 2022

Charge

The Research Programs and Policies Committee (RPPC) shall ensure an active faculty role in the formulation and evaluation of research policies. The Committee is charged with promoting faculty research and scholarly activities and advising university administration and the Faculty Senate on research policies. The committee is also called upon to assist in the dissemination of policies and guidelines ensuring implementation is consistent and clearly communicated to the broader university research community.

(Approved by the FSSC April 28, 2015)

Composition

9 Faculty (2 elected by UFS; 5 appointed by FSSC, and 2 ad-hoc members)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

RPPC spent considerable time in 2021-2022 clarifying the role of the RPPC and the way it operates under and reports to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. We met with President and Vice-President of FS to discuss different ways of improving the role and function of the RPPC in FS.

1. INCREASING OUR REACH ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY

The RPPC has been redefining its mission over the past few years. Its major responsibility, which consisted of managing faculty research initiation awards, was terminated. In AC2020-21, we were in the middle of implementing a process that the RPPC will follow to function. In an agreement with Faculty Senate, RPPC provided monthly meeting minutes to the FSSC and vetted all communications outside the committee through the FSSC. There were extensive discussions about how the faculty survey should be conducted, but we hit a roadblock at the University Survey Committee and were promised by the current FSSC president and vice president that these issues would be resolved. We are still waiting for resolution. During Spring semester Dr. Anderson participated and gave presentations soliciting RPPC and collecting faculty reflection at the collegial assemblies for TFMA, Tyler, Klein, Boyer, C.L.A., and the College of Education.

2. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The Faculty Senate's Research Programs and Policy Committee has been asked to distribute up to \$7500 in research grants by the close of the Spring 2022 semester. The grants are intended to support scholarly activities that will significantly advance understanding of effective research programs and policies.

We received 56 applications for RPPC grant; RPPC reviewed applications and ranked them.

We also decided to fund 5 applications evenly with amount of \$1500.

Applications were compiled into 5 groups, to make sure that each group has good number of grants, and that art-related grants don't compete with science-related ones.

- Fox, Sport & Tourism, and Klein
- CLA, Boyer, Tyler
- CST, Engineering
- Public Health and Social Work
- Dental, Pharmacy, LKSOM

The list of people who got better scores and chosen for funding below:

1. **Elise Chor** (College of Liberal Arts/ elise.chor@temple.edu) project "Does Money Matter? Preschool funding, program quality, and child development"
2. **Jocelyn Behm** (College of Science and Technology/ jocelyn.behm@temple.edu) project "Roles of foxes, cats, and coyotes in the control of Lyme Disease"
3. **Konstantin Bauman** (Fox Business School/ kbauman@temple.edu) project "Empowering Recommender Systems: Helping Users Explore their Own Preferences"
4. **Mohammed A. Kashem** (LKSOM/ kashem@temple.edu) project "Sequential Assessment of Endothelial Function in Lung Transplantation"
5. **Julia M. Kobulsky** (College of Public Health/ julia.kobulsky@temple.edu) project "Informing Child Sexual Abuse Recurrence Prevention with System Data Integration"

3. FUTURE PLANS

The RPPC is still waiting on creation of web space so that we can begin building a means of communicating with faculty. This requirement is part of an outcome from the faculty survey that we need to increase awareness of several research-related resources.