

Research Programs and Policies Committee 2017-18 report.

1. Current committee membership list including changes in membership during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Research Programs and Policies Committee 2017-18

Chair: Prasun Datta

Members

Elected Members:

1. Prasun Datta, (Chr.) LKSM, 2-4938, prasun.datta@temple.edu, '18
2. Sergio Franco, CLA, 1-8285, fevette@temple.edu, '20
3. Beata Kosmider, LKSM, 2-9084, beata.kosmider@temple.edu, '20
4. Joseph Picone, ENGR, 1-4841, picone@temple.edu, '18**

Appointed Members:

1. Marsha Crawford, SSW, 1-3760, marsha.crawford@temple.edu, '18
2. Levent Dumenci, CPH, ldumenci@temple.edu, '
3. Barbara Hoffman, LKSM, 2-6902, hoffman@temple.edu, '18**
4. Parsaoran Hutapea, ENGR, 1-7805, parsaoran.hutapea@temple.edu, '21**
5. Will Jordan, COE, 1-6677, will.jordan@temple.edu, '21**
6. Judith Stull, COE judith.stull@temple.edu, '21**

2. Structural changes to the committee (e.g., creation of new subcommittees).

None

3. Number and frequency of meetings

Two meetings were held.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, from 3:00-4:00 pm in the conference room of the Office of the Vice President of Research Administration, Conwell Hall.

The second meeting was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 2:00 pm in the conference room of the Office of the Vice President of Research Administration, Conwell Hall. The meeting was attended by all the RPPC members and Prof. Michelle Masucci.

4. Issues addressed by the committee

The members of the committee discussed the current role of the committee as defined by Faculty Senate. The members decided that a letter needs to be drafted addressed to Prof. Michael Sachs and Prof. Michelle Masucci to formally delineate the role for the Research Programs and Policies Committee (RPPC).

5. Decisions or actions taken on issues

A. Prof. Joseph Picone took the lead to draft a letter on behalf of the committee. In brief, the committee decided that we need to make some structural changes in the way the RPPC operates. We specifically proposed that the RPPC follow a process as defined below:

1. The RPPC will poll faculty at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters for a list of concerns regarding the research enterprise.
2. The RPPC will analyze the results and identify a small number of issues to be addressed (typically three to five). We will publish this list to remain transparent about our activities.
3. The RPPC will meet with various stakeholders and constituents, research the issues, develop recommendations and present these to faculty and university administration.
4. The RPPC will collaborate with the Office of Research and other appropriate organizations to identify solutions and monitor their implementation.
5. The RPPC will report to faculty once per semester on the status of these issues. The letter was approved by all the members and was sent to Prof. Michael Sachs and Prof. Michelle Masucci for their comments and approval.

At the meeting on March 28, 2018, Prof. Masucci did not agree to sign the letter and was Ok with the idea that the RPPC poll faculty at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters for a list of concerns regarding the research enterprise. Prof. Michael Sachs did not the meeting, however, did approve the letter that was addressed to him by an email after the initial meeting on March 28, 2018.

Actions to be taken:

1. Dr. Judith Stull, COE has taken the lead to draft a poll for a list of concerns regarding the research enterprise.
2. To convene a committee meeting early next semester (mid-September), that will be faculty only, no administration so that the committee can create an agenda for the year.

6. Name/contact info of chair for 2017-2018 academic year. A committee chair should be elected before the end of the academic year.

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