

Faculty Research Committee

Meeting Minutes – 9/22/23 (Zoom)

Attending: Evan Watts (Chair), Thomas Dowling, Timothy Elkin, Julie Herrema, Melinda Isler, Sonali Kurup, Tanzania Sharmin

- 11:00 AM Welcome
- 11:02 AM Budget
- The chair advised the committee that the budget for this cycle is once again \$30,000
- 11:03 AM Discussion of electing a new chair.
- The committee agreed that Evan Watts will continue to chair this committee for the 2023-2024 cycle.
- 11:05 AM Discussion of re-evaluating proposal submission process
- Chair explained that one proposal had not been received during the last Spring 2023 cycle
 - Chair floated several ideas to introduce redundancies and prevent future occurrences of missed proposals, including:
 - Requesting all proposals copy the chair of the committee
 - Creating an email address specific to the FRC to which the chair and/or committee members have access
 - Creating a SharePoint site to which proposers can submit proposals directly
 - Committee members agreed to adopt the first option (requesting all proposals copy the chair of the committee) as the easiest solution for now, but to explore other options in the future.
- 11:10 AM Discussion of allowing non-Tenure track faculty to submit proposals
- A committee member provided an update on appropriate next steps
 - The committee resolved to inquire whether this will require a formal vote from the Senate or if the committee can just implement the change.
- 11:15 AM Discussion of Fall 2023 cycle
- After some discussion, the committee decided to leave the deadlines as they have been in previous cycles, with the proposals due the Friday before finals week (12/8).
- 11:20 AM Adjournment of meeting