

A&S RSCW end-of-the-year report  
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## **AY 2022-23 Annual Report of the A&S Research Scholarship and Creative Works Committee**

Committee Members:

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Melissa Villa Nicholas (Chair)

Melissa Villa Nicholas (GSLIS) volunteered to chair this committee for the 2022-2023 year. The committee members agreed.

The Committee accomplished several important tasks this past year.

### **1. Research Coordinator discussions**

We discussed and advised on the open position of Coordinator for Research, Support & Outreach with Associate Dean Brian Krueger. Brian gave updates on potential candidates and changes to the position as they developed.

### **2. Memo on communication on research-based institution initiatives**

The committee discussed the recent communications from the President to become a research-based institution. The committee drafted and sent a memo to the dean encouraging more communication with the faculty around these initiatives. The dean agreed.

### **3. Memo on information and technology support**

The committee discussed the issue of A&S needing more technological support for research. The faculty looked at data from the Faculty Senate's campus-wide technology survey. The committee identified several needs among A&S faculty and highlighted those in our memo (PPT by Julie Keller available in RSCW Google Drive). Dean Riley responded in the final A&S meeting of the year (April 26, 2023) that the university does have budget restrictions this year. Still, they hope to make buying computers more frequently possible if the university starts buying them in bulk and that more technology support can happen with the incentive-based model the university is moving toward. The dean's goal is an every 4-year rotation.

#### 4. Discussions: Library support

The committee discussed that faculty weren't receiving Inter-Library Loans (ILL) from their requests, hindering their research. The committee met with Interim Dean Peter Larsen to discuss how to support the library as a research institute and identify the hindrance to using ILL. Alan followed up with Peter with a list of other faculties who had also not received responses from ILL.

#### 5. Researching: External service weight for faculty

The committee discussed external service weight and how faculty received credit for their external service (i.e., course releases for serving as editors of high-ranking journals). The committee began a memo requesting that the dean poll the chairs on how they give credit to faculty for external service but decided against the memo. The chair reached out to 2023.2024 AY Faculty Senate President Bahram Nassersharif to request that the Faculty Senate subcommittee on Service and Community Life take this up as a charge next year, and he agreed.

#### 6. Reviewed: Dean's Summer Grant, A&S Summer Fellows

The committee broke into sub-committees to review the Dean's Summer Grant applications and A&S Summer Fellows and approve awarded.

Dean's Summer Grant applications in total that we reviewed = 12

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A&S Summer Fellows applications that we reviewed = 13

A&S Summer Fellows applications that we awarded = 5

#### 7. Discussing: How to promote teaching faculty's summer research funds

A Teaching Faculty requested to apply for summer research funds. The committee discussed whether the Dean's Summer Grant should include non-TT teaching faculty. The committee could not resolve this and was divided because Tenure Track faculty needed the funds to complete research as a part of their contract. The chair encouraged teaching faculty to join the committee to lobby for Teaching Faculty to be included in these funds or lobby for other research funds for non-TT faculty.