

CELS Research Committee Meeting November 18th 2020 - Meeting Notes and Discussion

In attendance: Thomas Boving (GEO), Marta Gomez-Chiarri (FAVS), Niall Howlett (CMB) (Chair), Jason Kolbe (BIO), Elizabeth Mendenhall (MAF), Tom Sproul (ENRE), Mark Stolt (NRS), Cheryl Wilga (ex officio)

Absent: Carlos Prada Montoya (BIO)

(in italics - immediate action items)

- Howlett to ask Mitkovsky about nominating representative from PSE, or if they would like Gomez-Chiarri to represent PSE - **see note below**.
- OSP provided feedback on course buyout - investigator needs to budget for 12.5% of your salary per course per semester for a 3-credit course.
- ADVANCE proposal - Wilga reports meeting routinely, planning stages, asking for help in preparing the proposal (volunteers to help with writing), will provide an outline soon. Central Connecticut State U and UPR Mayaguez are partners; trying to form a Consortium. Includes partnership with RI NSF EPSCoR as mechanism to coordinate with RI institutions of HE. Goal: Creating systemic change for equity by e.g. changing policies and procedures.
- How to aid junior faculty. Some suggestions:
 - *Meet and greet between CELS Research Committee and new faculty members, invite 1st and 2nd year junior faculty, ask them for feedback regarding the key areas they need help with (biggest challenges). Schedule for meeting on December 9th. Judy to send announcement to CELS*
 - Invite lecturers? Looking for clarification from Dean's Office about the ability of lecturers to submit research proposals.
 - Google Drive with resources and tips. Share boilerplate documents for facilities and resources, budget justification, SciWrite, etc...
- Suggestions of focus areas for upcoming meetings: support of junior faculty; training for new InfoEd system; suggestion for creation of a URI Grant Writing Center (similar to the Grad and Undergrad Writing Centers)

Research Committee.

11.2.1 Charge. The Research Committee shall have the responsibility for advising and assisting the Dean and Associate Dean for Research in planning and reviewing Agricultural Experiment Station and other research programs of the college, including all Research Centers and Institutes administered by CELS (See 1.6.4 of these bylaws), and make recommendations to the Dean on the annual allocation of AES facilities, personnel and resources, including the establishment of priority areas for requests for proposals and the establishment, oversight and dissolution of Administrative Cost Centers.

11.2.2 Membership. The Research Committee shall be composed of seven (7) Faculty members and shall be maintained with nominees selected by the departments and appointment made by the dean. Terms will be consistent with the language for the rest of CELS committees per

Section 9 of these bylaws. The Associate Dean for Research shall serve ex officio.

11.2.3 **Chairperson** . The Research Committee shall elect its own chairperson at the beginning of the academic year. Ex-officio members may not serve as chairperson.