

# SENATE FINAL REPORT 2016-17

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Research Committee met as needed in Fall and Spring semesters.

To increase research involvement, opportunity and productivity, the Committee again facilitated the second Research Symposium. The submissions were excellent, both in terms of numbers and quality. Many faculty served as reviewers and took much time and care in their reviews. A total of 24 posters were presented, and the two top papers (best student, best faculty-student) winners presented their research orally. In addition, a best poster winner was selected. We have sent out evaluation questionnaires, in an attempt to improve the Symposium for next year.

Discussed and presented to faculty:

- Research areas – approved by Graduate Faculty
- Research and grant expectations – tentatively approved by Graduate Faculty with suggested changes
- Encouraging faculty to submit to high impact journals; lists provided, additions suggested by faculty

Reviewed and selected:

- Faculty research award winner and submitted recommendations to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean (Krieger)
- Excellence in Assistant Professor Award submitted recommendation to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean (Fisher)
- Graham fund award winner and submitted recommendation to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean (Treise)
- Summer faculty research award and submitted recommendations to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean (Kim)
- Faculty Seed Money proposals and submitted recommendations to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean (YH Lee, Chen, McNealy, Strekalova)
- Doctoral student research award winner (Jordan Neil and Taylor Wen)
- University Scholars applications (Mentors-Kalyanaraman and Moon Lee)

Continuing/new items for 2017-18:

- Awards will be reviewed and selected
- Evaluate and recommend guest speakers
- Evaluate, alter (if needed) Research Symposium for Spring 2018
- Brainstorm other ideas to increase research and grant activity; Committee repeatedly has discussed colloquia and how to encourage attendance. This has been a continuing problem. The Research Division set up research groups, speakers etc., and they are rarely attended.
- Grants training workshops will be held every other year (Fall, 2017 is target)