

Research Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 11:00 a.m., Weimer 2008

Attendees: Clay Calvert, Myiah Hutchens, Tom Kelleher, Jieun Shin, Michael Weigold

- I. Meeting called to order by Tom Kelleher
- II. Minutes from October 9, 2019 meeting approved
- III. Undergraduate research
 - Kelleher reported that three proposals for spring 2020 undergraduate research opportunities for credit were submitted by faculty (Johnson, Strekalova, Fernandes). These are being announced via undergraduate listserv. Kelleher said he will start process earlier in spring for fall 2020 opportunities and also will seek/promote nominations for the Undergraduate Scholars Program (USP) in early spring semester. Calvert suggested we also recognize and encourage opportunities for undergraduates to collaborate with faculty in non-credit capacities (e.g., assisting with reviews for law journal articles that lead to acknowledgements and recommendations).
- IV. “Communication Research Center” fund
 - College has foundation fund named “Communication Research Center” that has approximately \$6,000 available. Kelleher proposed plan to make funds available in amounts of up to \$500 to CJC faculty members who are collaborating with graduate students on primary research. The purpose would be similar to the Doctoral Dissertation Research Fund (to support costs associated with data collection). Committee agreed with idea and suggested that faculty intent to publish co-authored (faculty-student) research should be a criterion. Kelleher will proceed to adapt Doctoral Dissertation Research Fund process for this purpose to award funds until the account is fully expended.
- V. Spring 2020 events and schedule
 - Kelleher distributed tentative schedule for spring 2020 events (including Ph.D. student mock job talks, “lunch-and-learns,” think tankard/happy hours, and Ph.D. visitation days (2/23-2/25)).
 - Strekalova is working on conference presentation rehearsal events as an alternative to grad student research symposium.
 - Research Committee will plan to hold same time (Wednesdays at 11 a.m.) for spring 2020 meetings. Rodriguez will send calendar invites.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Meeting notes taken by Tom Kelleher