

ACADEMIC SENATE – Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee

Spring 2022

Due: Friday, June 17, 2022

MEMBERS	
Name	College/Unit
Carr, Chris	OCOB
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Liddicoat, Al	Admin
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CHARGES		
Charge	Complete?	Status/Notes
Review and Modify Committee Procedures and Bylaws as needed Ongoing	X <input type="checkbox"/>	Attached to email of this report.
Communicate to Academic Personnel the asymmetric COVID impacts on faculty scholarship, research, and creative activities across disciplines using the references from Spring 2021 ASRSCA report as a starting point. Encourage AP to provide guidelines to colleges that can be distributed to CPRCs and DPRCs. AY 2021-22	X <input type="checkbox"/>	Committee felt that the letter from Al Liddicoat's office that is to be included in all WPAF would suffice to indicate the consideration Aps need to take when looking at RPT for faculty working during COVID.
Investigate on how COVID international travel restrictions have impacted research/scholarship/creative activities, report as appropriate. AY 2021-22	X <input type="checkbox"/>	Report from International Center included in email /attached to this report.
Investigate impact of California state travel bans on research/scholarship/creative	X <input type="checkbox"/>	On this charge and the above (covid int'l travel restrictions) the committee was unsure how to accurately gather this data. The committee was not sure if anecdotes would properly demonstrate

<p>activities at Cal Poly, report as appropriate. AY 2021-22</p>		<p>these issues, or if were capable of sending an all-faculty survey. (Sarah Best indicated her office had strict rules about sending all-faculty email, but that our committee could forward to senators and ask them to send. But our committee also feels this</p> <p>Committee members also had concerns about sending out a survey about the CA travel ban, as some might consider it a political issue.</p> <p>The committee also felt that the letter in WPAF would support faculty in the RPT process who had to cancel or change travel or RSCA due to COVID and CA travel bans.</p> <p>With that ‘blanket’ letter in all WPAF, and the difficulty in assessing these two charges, the committee thought that a more useful question might be to ask <i>“what, moving forward, might be challenges to faculty RSCA due to covid restrictions or the CA travel ban?”</i> and <i>“what have been your work arounds”</i></p> <p>The committee, though, felt that its ability to accurately assess this would be difficult. Our ability to systematically gather data is almost none, since the committee cannot send out an all-faculty survey. The committee would have to rely on Senators or department heads/chairs to help gather data, which could end up as anecdotes and/or not representative of all faculty.</p> <p>The committee understands the importance of supporting faculty in these areas, and going forward would like to discuss what the outcome of such data gathering efforts might be (i.e. resolution? Memo?) and discuss further how to best gather this data.</p>
<p>Investigate current state of ORCID license and integration with Interfolio, report as appropriate. AY 2021-22</p>	<p>X <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Chair checked with several offices and found that integration is not possible at this time. Kathryn Rummell, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Personnel report that this is not possible due to the time and resources integration would take.</p>

		<p>She said “This integration is not on our current list of requests for ITS. The integration would take significant programming and support from ITS; it’s not something we can do on our own.”</p> <p>Some RSCA committee members also had concerns about this integration in that it could ‘look bad’ for colleges that do not use Orcid as it could look like their faculty are not doing research.</p>
Investigate, discuss, and report on efficacy and pathologies of peer review in academia, look into other models, list references on topic by discipline. AY 2021-2022	X <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The RSCA committee discussed this at length. The committee had questions about this being a senate-level issue, and that this conversation is likely already taking place in departments or colleges, and within sub-disciplines. The committee recommends to take a look at where this is actually an issue and define the nuances of this problem, then go forward with more specific direction of what this committee can do.</p>
Identify college level support opportunities for RSCA. AY 2021-2022	On-going <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Link to google doc sent in the email of this report.</p>

NOTES:

International Travel (Faculty/Staff) 2018-Present

Cal Poly Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Research is Purpose of Travel</u>
2018-2019	15	n/a
2019-2020	15	n/a
2020-2021	1 virtual	n/a
2021-2022	2 running now, 2 planned	n/a
2022-2023	26 planned	TBD

International Group Travel (Faculty/Staff):

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Research is Purpose of Travel</u>
2018-2019	33	6
2019-2020	27	4
2020-2021	0	n/a

2021-2022	0	n/a
2022-2023	3 planned	1

International Travel (Faculty/Staff Travel without Students):

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Research is Purpose of Travel</u>
2018-2019	288	54
2019-2020	268	34
2020-2021	0	0
2021-2022	0	0
2022-2023	TBD	TBD

****Note - not all faculty provided a purpose of travel. We know that many faculty planned to travel.***

RSCA Goodle doc form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wPdD2Ek5Z57eIvu_2Otf6qRi2YHvWe1sO3k9JIAPVgQ/edit#heading=h.ksrvj31gd511