

END OF YEAR SENATE REPORT 2017-18

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

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

(This is an abbreviated report as results from fall semester were presented in the December meeting, and much the Committee works on is scheduled)

To increase research involvement, opportunity and productivity, the Committee is again facilitating the third Research Symposium. The 26 submissions were excellent, both in terms of quality and diversity in topics. Many faculty served as reviewers and took much time and care in their reviews. There will be awards given for best student paper and best student-faculty papers and these award winners will present their research orally; the others will present posters. In addition, a best poster winner will be selected. We will send out evaluation questionnaires, in an attempt to improve the Symposium for next year.

Doctoral students in the Fall 2017 class are currently enrolled in the first required grants writing class. This class requires that students identify a faculty member to be the PI and mentor. This effort will instill and increase grant writing capabilities.

Discussed and presented to 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

To be reviewed and selected:

- Faculty research award winner will be selected and submitted to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean
- UFRF faculty member from college selected (Sorel)
- Excellence in Assistant Professor Award will be selected and submitted to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean
- Summer faculty research award will be selected and submitted to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean
- Faculty Seed Money proposals chosen in fall and submitted recommendations to the Dean and Executive Associate Dean
- Doctoral student research award winner will be submitted
- University Scholars applications will be submitted and chosen

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 2019
- 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 2019 is target)