

Faculty Senate Committee Report 2022/2023

RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

For the 2022/2023 Year, the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) reviewed its revised charge to better understand its role in serving as a liaison between faculty scholarly and creative efforts and the VP Research & Economic Development Office’s efforts and priorities by meeting with the long awaited and newly appointed VP RED. In previous years, the RAC has administered, solicited, reviewed, and recommended awards for the VP RED’s Faculty-Grant-in-Aid grants program with only limited guidance from the VP RED office. For the FY2023 fiscal year, the committee in consultation with VP RED, elected to not make awards for the Faculty-Grant-in-Aid grants program but instead spend the next year revising its guidelines to be more focused on the goals of the VP RED office—specifically, the generation of extramural funding that comes with indirect overhead—and to roll over the funding so that double the funding would be available for distribution to catalyze faculty research and creative activity starting in FY 2024. Moreover, the RAC found itself at the beginning of the year with a very small number of volunteering members from an unsatisfying cross section of the campus community, and the committee spent a considerable part of the year filling as many committee vacancies as possible to achieve better cross campus representation. The incoming FY 2024 RAC chair is Professor Kenneth Sims (Geology & Geophysics) who will provide strong leadership in working closely with faculty and the VP RED office.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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