Senate Research Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2021; 3:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**Attending:** Jannelle Bassett, Xiaojun Cao, Brenda Chapman, Richard Dix, Sabrina Freeney, Andrew Gewirtz, Krista Graham, John Horgan, Jidong Huang, Yi Jiang, Nadine Kabengi, Candace Kemp, Elizabeth Lim, Chunying Li, Yuan Liu, Joseph Magliano, Martin Norgaard, Greg Poon, Cynthia Puranik, Hongyu Qiu, Ken Rice, Maryann Romski, Vjolica Sadiraj, Rose Sevcik (chair), Kelly Stout, Jelena Subotic, Desiree Wanders, Pay-Shan Wen

**Absent:** Margo Brinton, Tanya Caldwell, Glenn Harrison, Xiaochun He, Jun Kong, Songqi Li, Stacey Mithcell, Anne Murphy, Jay Rajiva, William Robinson, Volkan Topalli, Jack Williams, Aleksandr Zelikovsky

1. The April 2021 minutes were approved with no changes.

2. Dr. Kelly Stout provided an update on internal grants
   - 46 special initiative pandemic grant proposals received and 7 funded (2-AS, 2-COTA, 1-CEHD, 1-BSNHP, 1-AYSPS)
   - Conference and Dissertation internal grant proposal submissions now being accepted
   - A few faculty requested a review of eligibility requirements for applying for dissertation grants and whether existing funding for students should impact their eligibility for this grant. This was tabled for later discussion.

3. Dr. Brenda Chapman provided reminders from the Office of Research Integrity (ORI):
   - Significant Financial Interests and other Interests Disclosures will need to be renewed in September. Look for announcements about this starting August 30th.
   - Updates on campus research building projects

4. Dr. Nadine Kabengi introduced new resources for postdocs
   - Announced new office for post-doctoral affairs will open soon
   - Planned sessions with faculty, staff and postdocs to assess postdoctoral needs at GSU
   - Current GSU postdoc policy will be provided to the committee for review and to discuss whether any updates are needed

5. Dr. Gregory Poon raised concerns about routine orders in Panthermart being flagged for legal review. There is a lack of clarity on what triggers these legal reviews. They are creating major delays in the conduct of research in some cases. Kelly Stout agreed to follow up with Purchasing and Legal Affairs to determine the reasoning and how to expedite these in future.

The next meetings are scheduled on September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM virtually, WebEx application.