



CSS Research Committee Minutes Brief

October 12, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

**Present** Kurt Rademaker (ANP), Jay Wilson (EC), Sheila Maxwell (CJ), Sharon Zhong (GEO/Chair FS22), Ryan Bowles (HDFS/Chair SS23), Jason Moser (PSY), Peilei Fan (SPDC), Angie Kennedy (SW), Emine Evered (HST), Xuefei Ren (Sociology), Christian Houle (PLS), Anna Maria Santiago (CSS Dean's Office), Barbara Cernadas (CSS Dean's Office)

**Absent** Mevan Jayasinghe (HRLR)

Minutes taken by Douglas Hissong (CSS Dean's Office)

Zhong confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:34 am.

**1. Approval of September 2022 minutes** – Amended to include Evered as present. Approved.

**2. Approval of the agenda** – approved 10/12/2022

**3. Introduction of Research Administrator I – Doug Hissong**

Santiago introduced Doug Hissong as the new Research Administrator I. A new Research Administrator II will begin working in the Office on October 31, 2022.

**4. Climate Justice and Environmental Ethics Convening – 10/20/2022**

Climate Justice and Environmental Ethics convening will be held next Thursday, October 20th from 3-5pm at the Lake Huron Room in the MSU Union. Social Science faculty Jennifer Carrera and Amber Pearson will be panelists at this convening and Elizabeth Mack is the respondent. Anna Maria Santiago will be moderating the session.

Please encourage interested researchers and students to register even if they are not able to attend so they can be contacted for future events. A seed grant initiative in this area of research will be launched at this event.

The College will be engaged in more initiatives like these that align with the University's strategic plan and interest in fostering collaborative grants across colleges.

The College expects to bring in Robert Bullard during the Spring 2023 semester.

## **5. Review of Faculty Initiative Fund (FIF) CFP – action item**

The FIF CFP has been moved from the spring to the fall semester to facilitate more submissions. The FIF supports a range of projects, not only for pilot projects. The maximum award has been increased to \$10,000 with a minimum \$1,000 match. Proposal submissions are due November 18, 2022. Faculty salary and conference travel or expenses are not allowed. Proposals can be initiated as soon as January 1, 2023 but no later than July 1, 2023. . Grants are for 12 months. Final reports are required at the end of the 12 month award.

There will be an online application and submission portal for this CFP opening soon.

The Review Subcommittee (up to five reviewers) will meet in December and the award decisions will be announced on December 19, 2022.

## **6. Research priorities for 2022-23 and beyond – continued discussion**

The College seeks to build upon current and emerging research strengths. As part of the College's Strategic Plan we selected five thematic areas: [Current Thematic Areas](#)

The College is expecting to make at least one more round of calls for small grants and/or thematic mini SPGs in Spring 2023. Santiago asks for suggested thematic areas for thematic calls from the committee.

Committee members identified the following potential themes:

Future of Cities (Wilson, Ren)

Climate Justice/Environmental Justice (Fan)

Stress, Coping and Mental Health (Moser)Addiction and Substance Abuse (Evered)

Research Methodology – Integration of Methods, Innovation, New Methods (Bowles, Moser)

Violence and Aggression (Maxwell)

Santiago says that these CFPs might draw submissions from researchers who are at different points in their research and afford them an opportunity to secure funding for their research.

Additional CFPS will require expanding who would serve on review panels to ensure that the committee workload is manageable.

## **7. Matters arising.**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am.