



College of Social Science
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

CSS Research Committee Minutes

November 9, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Present: Kurt Rademaker (ANP), Sheila Maxwell (CJ), Jay Wilson (EC), Sharon Zhong (GEO/Chair FS22), Mevan Jayasinghe (HRLR), Emine Evered (HST), Jason Moser (PSY), Angie Kennedy (SW), Xuefei Ren (Sociology), Alison Weber (Undergraduate Student Representative); Anna Maria Santiago (CSS Dean's Office), Barbara Cernadas (CSS Dean's Office), Doug Hissong (CSS Dean's Office)

Absent: Ryan Bowles (HDFS/Chair SS23), Christian Houle (PLS), Peilei Fan (SPDC), Arianna Pikus (Graduate Student Representative)

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 October minutes
 - Approved 11-9-2022
2. Approval of the agenda
 - Approved 11-9-2022
3. **Introduction of new committee members – Social Science student representatives**
 - Student participation on all standing committees are part of the revised College Bylaws
 - Student representatives joining the committee: Arianna Pikus (graduate, HDFS), Jessica Davis (undergraduate, GEO, SS23), Allison Weber (undergraduate, ANP, FS22)
 - Zhong asked about having Postdoctoral Fellow or Research Associate representation on the committee. Santiago will share the idea with the Dean, but this would require a Bylaws change.
4. **Updates on mini-SPG and Faculty Initiative Fund (FIF) grant competitions**
 - Santiago states that the College received one submission for the mini-SPG, so we'll convene a review panel this month to review.
 - Faculty Initiative Fund (FIF) proposal submissions are due by 5pm, November 18, 2022
 - Santiago asked if the committee wanted to follow recent practice that we use existing committee meetings to conduct any reviews. If yes, the December 2022 meeting would only include the review panel instead of having everyone attend.
 - The committee indicated their desire to continue this practice. The December 2022 meeting will be used to review the FIF proposal submissions. The review panel will be determined after submissions are received.

5. Rising Star Award Call for Nominations – action item

- Santiago provided background information about this award.
- Nominations will be accepted through January 31, 2023. Only one nomination per academic unit in the College.
- The February 2023 meeting would likely be used to review nominations for the award.
- Evered inquires as to why there is a restriction to faculty who are in the third-sixth years of their pre-tenure appointment. Santiago explains that this award is aimed at recognizing early career faculty.
- Moser is concerned that the award language is general/vague. Santiago explains that the language was designed to be flexible since what is considered innovative in one field might be different in another.
- Santiago clarifies that it is only one Rising Star Award.
- Rademaker asks if examples of published work could be a packet or collection. Santiago explains that what is submitted varies by discipline and for some, it might be their published book and reviews; for others, it might be representative articles. College Chairs/Directors are aware of the items that are required.

6. Matters arising

- Looking to bring Dr. Robert Bullard, an internationally known environmental justice scientist, to campus in the spring semester. Santiago asked what the committee would like to see as part of his schedule. Large group presentation and reception are part of the plans. Weber noted that small group settings are best for students. Moser mentions having a session with food brings people out.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am.