

# Research and Faculty Development Committee

Report to the Faculty Senate

March 2, 2018

August 9, 2017: The Research and Faculty Development Committee held its initial meeting on. Gerald Hankins was chosen as chair. Besides the committee members, Amie Smith attended and discussions on the committee's evaluation of PEER grant submissions were held. It was also decided that the committee should try to be a sounding board to any faculty who had concerns regarding research and faculty development and report concerns to the senate.

September 14, 2017: The full committee met to discuss the PEER applications and make recommendations. Twelve applications were considered. Drs. Bejou and Sanjaya recused themselves from the room during discussions and scoring of their respective applications. Dr. Hankins recused himself from the discussion and scoring of Dr. Malkaram's application since there was a connection one of his grants and Dr. Malkaram's application. An issue that came up was that some applications proposed work that needed Institutional Review Board review and approval and were tentatively recommended for funding pending the approval. One other application was approved pending a revised budget.

February 15, 2018: One sabbatical application was received by the committee. After review of the application, the committee members voted by e-mail to recommend the sabbatical to the Provost. The application and recommendation was transmitted to the Provost on March 1, 2018.

April 1, 2018: New PEER applications are due. The committee will be meeting at a yet to be determined date in April to discuss these and make recommendations.