**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Date: January 10th 2018

Location: Sackler 320 and Ballou VC room

Present: Nirupa Matthan, Brent Cochran, Roman Schumann, Virginia Chomitz Rob Jacob, Roger Tobin, Mitch Mcvey.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Note:** Due to A/V mix up, Sackler 320 was not set up and the Isobe conference room was double booked. Consequently, the meeting started about 30 minutes late. Lisa Bloom is investigating and has reached out to Boston A/V tech support and Shelley Adams at Cabot to ensure the issue is resolved so that we don’t run into problems going forward.

1. **Continued review of survey results**

Brent provided summary results of the survey questions broken down by school. For questions 3 to 7 there are clearly some schools reporting more dissatisfaction and/or issues than others. However, the consensus was that the dataset is small, and has provided us with the information we need to move ahead.

A suggestion was made by Virginia and Mitch for this committee to interface with similar committees at the various Tufts schools (such as CTSI, AS&E faculty research support advisory committee), to see what issues they are addressing.

*Action Items:* Work with OVPR to access results of prior surveys on this topic. Suggest potential solutions/next steps to Simin at our meeting with her.

Mitch will invite Al Robbatt, the chair of AS&E Faculty Research Support Advisory Committee to come to our next meeting to give us a brief overview of what he feels are some of the important research and scholarship related issues.

1. **Meeting with Simin Meydani (OVPR) and agenda items to be discussed**

Nirupa has reached out to Dr. Simin Meydani to request a meeting with the committee members. The goal will be to engage in dialogue on the above mentioned matters and potentially others that pertain to research and scholarship.

In terms of potential agenda items to be discussed, suggestions include:

* Research infrastructure (award support, RAS, website)
* Research priorities (focus is interdisciplinary but are there other models to foster collaboration)
* Seed grants
* Faculty input on new initiatives
* Social events to foster cross-school collaborations