**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Date: February 14th 2018

Location: Sackler 802 and Isobe conference room\*, Cabot Center (\*room was changed at the last minute due to double booking)

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

Invited Speaker: Al Robbat

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Dr. Albert Robbat, Chair of the AS&E Faculty Research Support Advisory Committee.**

Al provided an overview of the research and scholarship issues that AS&E has been facing. Summarized below are the key issues.

*Lack of pre- and post-award:* His committee has been working with OVPR (Simin and Zoya) as well as the School Deans, since the issues seem to be department specific and more local than central related.

*RAS system:* Concerns expressed reflect those from other schools, and re-emphasize faculty concern that there has been a lot of investment on the technology side but not the human side (support staff).

*Data warehouse:* Current system is not user friendly and does not facilitate generation of reports that faculty need for continued support of grants or to track expenses.

Action item: R&S Committee will re-iterate these issues at our meeting with Simin Meydani on Feb 15th. However, the consensus was that school specific issues cannot be address by the committee.

1. **Other items**

Mitch suggested that Al could be added as an ad hoc member on the committee.

Brent suggested inviting Paul Berg to our next meeting to provide an overview on the progress IT is making on the faculty research directory.

Action items*:* Brent will invite Paul to the March 14th meeting.