**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Date: May 9th 2018

Present: Nirupa Matthan, Brent Cochran, Roman Schumann, Virginia Chomitz, Mitch McVey, Roger Tobin, and Jette Knudsen

Regrets: Rob Jacob (conflict with SoE retreat)

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Introduction of new committee member**

The Fletcher faculty elected Jette Knudsen to replace Larry Weiss effective May 2018 for the remaining two years of his term. Jette expressed a strong preference to serve on the Senate Committee on Research and Scholarship, which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Senate. Jette was introduced to the committee and provided a brief overview of her research background and reasons for joining the committee.

1. **Review of progress to date**

Since a couple of the committee members (Roman and Virginia) will be finishing their term as senators, we reviewed our progress thus far, and tried to prioritize and map out potential agenda items.

* Our major accomplishment is that we have been successful in reaching out to relevant individuals in the administration. They know of our existence and hopefully will continue/start to reach out to us. We have one senate member (Mitch McVey) on the OVPR Barriers to Research Working group.
* Agenda items for next year
	+ Re-invite some of the speakers to discuss progress and see whether/how/why not committee recommendations have been implemented
	+ Invite local research support staff (at each school) to better understand the award process and perceived barriers
	+ Expand focus of committee to include review of physical facilities (e.g. space allocation)
	+ Better understanding of the “Tier 1” status of Tufts University
	+ Work on creating R&S “best practices”
1. **Website presence**
	1. The CRS page of the faculty senate website is currently blank. Suggestions included adding the meeting minutes and potentially other relevant information.

Action Items:

Review and approve meeting minutes for inclusion on the R&S section of the faculty senate website. Discuss if any other items should be included (senate faculty survey and results, year-end progress report).

Further refine/expand agenda items with the provision to modify after input from new members who will join the committee.