**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Date: December 13th 2017

Location: Sackler 320 and Ballou VC room

Present: Nirupa Matthan, Brent Cochran, Roman Schumann, Rob Jacob, Roger Tobin

Regrets: Mitch Mcvey, Virginia Chomitz

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Review of survey results by Brent**

Overall, 86% response rate, with 5 schools at 100%.Based on the aggregate data there appears to be no widespread dissatisfaction with pre-and post-award support across the schools. However, 30% of the respondents indicated that in the last three years, they or a colleague had a grant that was not submitted, was submitted late, was submitted with errors, or lost funding due to difficulties or delays with Tufts grant support.

Brent provided summary results of the survey questions broken down by school. For questions 3 to 7 (summarized below), there are clearly some schools reporting more dissatisfaction and/or issues than others. However, the consensus was that the data needs to be further reviewed.

*Action Item:* Brent will consolidate all the results into an excel spreadsheet and Nirupa will summarize into graphs and or tables for review at the next meeting.

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| **Q3** | When you or your colleagues have a grant related question, is it clear whom to contact? | **Almost always/usually 15** | **Sometimes/Often Not /Rarely\* 8** | \*A&S, SoE, Dental, Friedman |  |
| **Q4** | When you or your colleagues contact someone at Tufts about a grant-related issue, do you get a prompt and effective response? | **Almost always/usually 15** | **Sometimes/Often Not /Rarely\* 6** | A&S, SoE, Dental, Fletcher |  |
| **Q5** | To your knowledge, in the last 3 years, have you or your colleagues had a grant that was not submitted, submitted late, submitted with errors, or lost funding due to difficulties or delays with tufts grant support? | **No 16** | **Yes\* 7** | \*A&S, SoE, Cummings, Sackler, Friedman |  |
| **Q6** | Over the past few years, how would you characterize the changes in the pre-and post-award grant support you and your colleagues get at Tufts? | **Much or Somewhat improved 10** | **Same 2** | **Somewhat or much worse\* 5** | \*A&S, SoE, SoM, Sackler |
| **Q7** | Overall, how do you and your colleagues find the attitude of grant-related offices/ personnel towards researchers to be? | **Very or Somewhat Supportive 13** | **Neutral 3** | **Unsupportive/Hostile\* 2** | \*A&S, Fletcher |

1. **Next steps based on survey results**

Still need to review the results before any conclusions are drawn and next steps can be planned.

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. Requested date is January 10th but is pending confirmation.

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)