**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Date: October 10th 2018

Present: Mitch McVey, Rob Jacob, Brent Cochran, Misha Eliasziw and Nirupa Matthan

Regrets: Jette Knudsen, Roger Tobin

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **New member**

Gillian Beamer (Cummings school) will join the CRS committee. Due to the lateness of the committee assignment email TSS was unable to connect to the Grafton campus prior to the meeting although an attempt was made via Zoom. Nirupa has reached out to Lisa Bloom to ensure that Gillian can join upcoming meetings via video conference.

1. **Ad hoc member**

The Tufts Library Committee (TLC) has expressed interest in having a connection with the Senate, a request that was conveyed via Kevin Dunn. The co-chair of that committee, Daniel Santamaria specifically indicated that the TLC would like to understanding the business of the committee around research and scholarship and partner with us in that process. Debra Berlanstein, Associate Director of the Hirsch Health Sciences Library, would be their representative to CRS.

Since TLC is not a faculty committee, its representative would be a staff member so there was some discussion on whether this would be appropriate. The committee members did not see this an issue and there was overall support for having TLC representation on the committee. However, several questions were brought up about TLC (whether it involved all tufts libraries on all campuses, its representation, mission, etc.). Nirupa has reached out to Debbie and asked her to provide a brief description of TLC, its representation, and its mission at the next meeting.

1. **OVPR Barriers to Research Working group**

Mitch McVey provide an update on the working group that he co-chaired this summer. He was able to share the confidential RBF working document with the committee but re-iterated Simin’s request that the report not be distributed to others. Mitch indicated that OVPR is in the process of putting together a task force from the RSSP steering committee to help operationalize as many of the recommendations as possible.

The members felt that it would be important to work with OVPR and the administration to ensure that the recommendations are being duly considered, implemented and progress monitored. To that end, it was suggested that once the report was officially released, CRS would submit a written response with ideas on how to implement some of the low-cost solutions. Nirupa will invite Simin to one of the upcoming meetings so as to initiate a dialogue with the committee about the recommendations and implementation process.