**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP (CRS)**

Date: November 14th 2018

Senators Present: Mitch McVey, Rob Jacob, Jette Knudsen, Roger Tobin, Brent Cochran, Misha Eliasziw, Gillian Beamer and Nirupa Matthan

Ad hoc member: Debra Berlanstein

**New member**

Gillian Beamer (Cummings school) was introduced to the committee and provided a brief description of her areas of interest and reasons for electing to serve on the CRS.

**Ad hoc member**

Debra Berlanstein, Associate Director of the Hirsch Health Sciences Library, who is the Tufts Library Committee (TLC) representative to CRS provided an overview of TLC, its representation, and its mission. Briefly, the TLC serves as a governing body for the shared infrastructure and strategic priorities of the decentralized Tufts University Libraries. The mission is to strengthen the capacity of each library to meet the needs of the schools through collective planning and shared services, and to ensure that, as a collective, the libraries of Tufts University effectively meet institutional academic needs.

**Drafting a written response to the OVPR Resources and Barriers report**

At our last meeting,Mitch shared the confidential RBF working document with the committee. 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. The report has yet to be released, so the committee felt that it would be premature to start drafting the response, especially since it is not clear which of the recommendation might make it into the final report.

*Action Item*:

Mitch will follow up with Simin on due date for report release.

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.

**Other Business**

Inviting faculty from the humanities to offer input on the RBF report, since their needs might be very different from science based faculty.

Re-invite some of the speakers (listed below) to discuss progress and see whether/how/”why not” committee recommendations have been implemented.

Paul Bergen, Director of Educational Technologies and Learning Spaces

Zoya Davis-Hamilton, Associate Vice Provost for Research Administration and Development