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

Date: December 12th 2018

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

Regrets: Brent Cochran, Gillian Beamer

Ad hoc member: Debra Berlanstein

**AGENDA**

**Reviewing the OVPR RBF Recommended Action document**

Members reviewed the recommendations and proposed action items. Additional suggestions that were brought up include:

1. Keeping open common spaces that typically close during student breaks and holidays, so that faculty can continue to have places to meet with colleagues.

2. Explore the possibility of reserving space in the libraries for faculty meetings.

3. University wide consensus on charging overhead for visiting faculty and scholars, as this can hinder collaboration.

4. Involving the Senate Faculty Affairs committee with regard to the recommendation regarding workload guidelines for faculty as this will require an exploration of policy differences across schools, before drafting of possible solutions.

5. Invite chairs of existing school specific research committees as well as faculty from the humanities to provide input on the recommendations.

*Action items:*

Mitch will reach out to colleagues at SMFA to serve as ad hoc members on CRS.

Nirupa will reach out to Albert Robbat, Chair of the AS&E Faculty Research Support Advisory Committee to serve as an ad hoc member on CRS.

Debra will find out more about room reservation policies for faculty at the various Tufts libraries.

Jette will reach out to the Fletcher school academic dean regarding their overhead policy for visiting faculty.