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

Date: February 13th, 2019

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

Regrets: Gillian Beamer

Ad hoc member: Debra Berlanstein

**Minutes**

**Faculty Information System (FIS)**

Paul Bergen (Director of Education Technologies and Learning Spaces) provide an update about the FIS and next steps. It has been launched at the Friedman and Engineering schools but there are still some issues that need to be addressed before it is rolled out at the other schools. Upon completion of all phases, the goal is that FIS will provide a central record of all faculty at the University and provide a scholarly networking platform to potentially help Tufts faculty connect with each other.

**Export Control**

Dana Fleming (Associate General Counsel) and Heather Gipson-Cosier (Associate Vice Provost for Research Compliance) provided us with an overview of export control regulations and highlighted the reason for urgency in communicating this information to faculty so that they are familiar and compliant with US regulations related to export control. Our feedback was that the current methods of communication are ineffective. We offered the following suggestions:

* 1. Invitation to a faulty senate meeting to present the information to the senators, who would then report back to their constituents.
	2. Reaching out to Department/Division Chairs to get the information across to faculty.
	3. Drafting a brief summary statement not more than 3 bullet points describing the topic, the need for compliance and whom to contact.
	4. A decision tree so that faculty can figure out what falls under regulation and what to do.

We offered to review these documents prior to it being launched and provide feedback.