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

Date: June 12th, 2019

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

Ad hoc members: Debra Berlanstein

Regrets: Misha Eliasziw, Gillian Beamer and Albert Robbat

**Minutes**

This is the last meeting for this academic year. Committee members worked on potential agenda items for the upcoming session as summarized below:

* Continue to work with SPA regarding issues with post award. Feedback from several of the schools suggests overall dissatisfaction with post award service, too much lag time in establishing new and extended contracts, inability to bill sponsors in a timely manner, inefficient transfer of pre-award information to post award causing faculty to delay hires and, thus, research for months. The committee suggests that James Walsh and Dick Doolin be invited back to address these issues as well as discuss metrics being used related to faculty satisfaction and how success is being evaluated.
* Invite local research support staff (at each school) to better understand the award process and perceived barriers.
* Continue partnership with OVPR and work with the new VPR on their initiatives as well as implementation of the RBF recommendations.
* Continue discussion with Tufts Library communication team on the proposed Tufts open access policy.
* Determine criteria being used for accepting research funds and teaching programs across the various schools.
* Determine the bioinformatics support that is currently available across campuses and facilitate sharing of resources.