

RSCA-PC  
2021-22 Year-End Report

Members of this year's Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Policy Committee (RSCAPC) were:

**Melanie Martin, Chair**

**Steven Wood, Chair-elect**

pending, COS

Shannon Stevens, CAHSS

Pi-Sheng Deng, CBA

Kimy Liu, COEKSW

Kimy Liu, UEPC Rep.

Umar Ghuman, GC Rep.

Mary Weppeler, Library Rep.

Santos Ayala, Graduate Student Rep-ASI

Dana Nakano, Faculty Speaker

Joyce Bell, Director, Research and Sponsored Programs

I would like to start by thanking my fellow committee members for their work this year. Special thanks to Ashley Reeves-Huckaby (ORSP) for the excellent administrative support and Joyce Bell (ORSP) for providing statistics on RSCA grant awards and for providing background and insight into system-wide initiatives. I would also like to thank Hayley Ye for joining some of our meetings and providing us insight into her vision for the role of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. Thanks also go to the faculty senate for their long-standing support.

The RSCAPC began the 2021-2022 academic year by introducing our new Dean of Graduate Studies and Research to the RSCAPC Committee and our charge. We had productive discussions about our respective roles, her vision, and how we can work together to promote RSCA work at our university. We provided history and background on previous RSCA Celebrations held on our campus. We were pleased to support Dr. Ye's office and the Library in the establishment of an Annual RSCA Celebration held April 14, 2022. We were impressed by the faculty and administrative participation levels at the event and we look forward to supporting it in the future.

In Spring 2020, the Academic senate passed a resolution presented by the RSCAPC. The goals of the resolution were to increase clarity and transparency to the process of awarding RSCA grants and to streamline the Leaves and Awards Committee review process while providing feedback to grant applicants. This academic year we received feedback that the rubric we developed has had the desired effect to streamline LAC processing and providing feedback to grant applicants. However, it has been reported that grant applicants would prefer additional feedback on their applications. We are mindful that we need to balance applicants desire for information, LAC workload, reviewer anonymity, and the policy as written. In the next academic year, the RSCAPC will consider way to improve the feedback to applicants.

In addition, in the next academic year, the RSCAPC will discuss ways to institutionalize review of the RSCA grant procedures.

In Spring 2022, the RSCAPC provided feedback on the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) interim report to address issues related to the Stockton Center.

Other RSCAPC business during the 2021-2022 academic year included:

- Discussing how to best define student research in the context of CO initiatives.
- Making a plan to collect data on the range and scope of undergraduate research on campus, applicable university policies, and student research presentation forums.
- Reviewing High Impact Practices (HIPs) relating to student research.
- Investigating ways to serve and sustain research on our campus.

In addition to the work on RSCA grants discussed above, the committee will defer to 2022-2023 further exploration of the campus-wide tracking of HIPs relating to student research.