

Faculty Senate Committee Annual Report (2022-2023)

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Livingston, Chair

Faculty Senate Committee on:

Charge: This committee shall review, report and recommend to the senate matters concerning university policies, procedures and actions regarding research and creative activity; university facilities for research and creative activity; funding for research and creative activity; and responsibilities and liabilities of researchers

Roster: Jennifer Livingston, Panayotis (Peter) Thanos, Brian Quigley, Roh-Yu Shen, Johnathon Grunert.

Report Date: June 30, 2023

Meeting History: April 11, 2023, May 16, 2023

Major Objectives:

Our primary objectives were to:

1. re-establish the Research and Creative Activities Committee, which had been defunct for the past five years;
2. to elect a chair and a secretary;
3. to make a preliminary plan for the 2024-2024 academic year.

Emerging Objectives:

1. To identify existing gaps in University resources needed to conduct research at UB. We will begin by studying data from the 2022 COACHE survey and the 2023 Faculty Senate Faculty Satisfaction survey.
2. To recruit more members from more schools across the university.

Potential Work Products or Milestones for Completion of Objectives:

Jennifer Livingston was elected Chair of the committee and Peter Thanos was elected secretary.

The committee agreed that starting with issues identified on the recent COACHE and FS surveys would make the most sense.

Committee members will reach out to faculty in other departments and schools to increase representation on the committee.

Timeline for Completion of Objectives:

Major objectives for Spring 2023 have been met.

Emerging objectives will be attained Fall 2023 – Spring 2024.

Specific actions requiring FSEC approval: None at this time.

FS Committee General Comments: The committee has been re-established and will be prepared to take on work beginning in the Fall 2023 semester.

FSEC Comments