

**Minutes
NKU Research Council
September 2020**

In attendance: Bethany Bowling, Shauna Reilly, Samantha Langley, Alyssa Appelman, John Alberti, Julie Moses, Linda Dynan, Lynne Zajac, Mark Neikirk, Nancy Campbell, Suk-hee Kim, Greg Hatchett, Madhura Kulkarni, Anthony Chavez, Mark Leeman, Tom Baxter

1. Discussion and vote on updated by-laws

Added: The URC will promote research through various activities throughout the academic year.
Approved.

2. Decision on how to do rotations of members and staggering of terms for continuity.

Volunteers requested and put in the attached spreadsheet. A list of folks whose terms are ending will be sent to the Deans – they will then determine if members will continue or if someone else will be appointed in their place. See Excel spreadsheet attached. Going forward, we'll use the 2 year rotations in they by-laws.

3. Update on the Spotlight on Scholarship

- Submissions are low
- Suggestions to ask: sabbaticals and project grants from last year, rejected proposals from last year, everyone's own unit, reach to Charlisa about requesting sabbaticals present at SOS, sending targeted emails to folks we know, COVID related works?, scholarship of teaching/cross advertise through ELC, Joan Ferrante – response to COVID book contributors
- Concur with the decision to move to January

4. Faculty research pages/URC revisions. Any follow up suggestions should be sent to Shauna. Shauna to advertise these new resources.

- a. <https://www.nku.edu/urc.html>
- b. <https://inside.nku.edu/gero/research.html>

5. Feedback on the NKU Research Newsletter

- Needs more visuals
- Graphic from each article or headshots of authors
- Table of contents
- Check with Matt Albriton about newsletter format S'more
- Maybe other research news?
- Welcome from the editor – state of research at NKU.... (Sam/Shauga?).
- Work with Joanne Ficken – template
- Publication once a semester/once a quarter

6. Agenda for the year – What do we want to tackle? What are pressing issues?

Research mentoring

- workshops?
- Specific mentors.
- What universal ideas could we do?
 - o RGC finding grant funding.
 - o Writing support groups, accountability groups.
 - o Writing retreat – two hours once a month – time to work on things. Open zoom room. Share strategies about how folks were applying for funding (internal/external) – sharing successes.
- Faculty learning community on research/publishing/grants
- Event with new Provost to highlight the research/creativity on campus (more informal compared to Spotlight) – reception
- Alternatives to research in a COVID-19 era? How to navigate the tenure process? Overcoming COVID-19 in doing research

Summary statistics of faculty output annually, presentations, publications, grants

- o Request vitas
- o Through Deans, etc.
- o RGC
- o COB does this every year already.
- o Demonstrate the value of research/creativity on campus
- o Discuss our approach and culture change for the year – CVs
- o “Valued and Sacred”

Revise our research fellowship/expand beyond one – perhaps each college?

Charlisa Daniels will join us for our November meeting for the first part to discuss the Benefits Committee and ways we can collaborate.

Joe Nolan is tentatively attending our October meeting to discuss the BCC.