2021 - 2022 Annual Faculty Senate Committee Report

Faculty Senate Committee Name: Research Policies Committee

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List and briefly describe major accomplishments of the committee for the year: The RPC reviewed and formulated revisions to two major university-wide policies: Access to and Retention of Research Data Policy (RRDP) and the Policy on UNCG Centers and Institutions (PUCI). The committee carefully reviewed both documents. After careful consideration of the PUCI it was determined that the best practice would be to gather data via focus groups consisting of current and former directors of centers and institutes on campus. More progress was made revising the RRDP. The committee consulted with multiple offices that intersect with research data retention. A viable revision was proposed, discussed, and approved by the committee for review by the university council’s office. In addition, procedures were removed from the policy document to facilitate changes required by federal, state, and private funding sources.

List any action items for future consideration (if applicable): The revision of policies that are university-wide in scope is a long and complicated process. Further work by the RPC on the RRDP following on review from the university council and administration will probably be needed to address any issues that may arise from this review. Also, to move forward with the revision of the PUCI a focus group of relevant UNCG personnel is recommended.
Discuss strengths and opportunities for improvement: The committee’s Ex Offico members are a great asset that permits “committee memory.” The size of the committee does make it challenging to meet and make progress on initiatives that would benefit from group discussion of the whole.