



2023 - 2024 Annual Faculty Senate Committee Report

Faculty Senate Committee Name: Research Grants Committee

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Academic Year Report Covers: 2023 - 2024

Date Prepared: 4/26/2024

List of dates the committee met:

9/19/2023

1/22/2024

List and briefly describe major accomplishments of the committee for the year:

The committee and area-specific subcommittees met and reviewed 29 grant applications across UNCG and made recommendations to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement. Following the initial organizational meeting, the committee broke into four subcommittees to review the internal research awards received by the Office of Research and Engagement, based on the areas that were self-identified by the applicants. These groups met and considered the applications before preparing summaries for a discussion with Vice Chancellor Shelton on January 22 that resulted in 25 grants being awarded.

List any action items for future consideration (if applicable):

- OREs program is oriented around four groups (Arts & Humanities, Creative & Performing Arts, Physical & Natural Sciences, and Social & Behavioral Sciences) that do not cleanly align with the voting divisions of the university. It may be advisable to change the structure of the committee to align with these groups so that we can more easily staff review subgroups.

Discuss strengths and opportunities for improvement:

The main opportunity to improve the functioning of the committee would be to memorialize policies and procedures in writing. In previous years, there was a specific person at ORE who left prior to the academic year and oversaw the operation of the research grants process, as a result, the review process this year was slightly delayed. With the transition from Vice Chancellor Shelton to Vice Chancellor Obare, now may be a good time to document the committee's procedures for conducting reviews.