**Minutes for Senate Grants Committee Meeting 10/13/20**

Attendance:

Members -

Vyacheslav Dushenkov

Thomas Beachdel

Kelba Sosa

Catherine Hilyard

Anna Manukyan

Charles Rice-Gonzalez

Victor Torres-Velez

I. Call to order

II. Vote to accept Agenda

* Agenda approved

III. Vote on minutes from 3/04/21 meeting

* Minutes from 3/04/21 meeting approved.

IV. Replace student members

* Selection of new members approved.

V. Grants Working Groups (Esp. PSC); Online footprint

* Prof. Beachdel explained the following:
  + Could list grants and members of each group in one central online location
  + Goal to establish a web presence and not get deep into reviewing grants
  + Role of the committee would be to collect and add group information – would not need details of topics or proposals
  + Another goal to contribute to community-building and create a formalized community and an infrastructure for developing grants
  + Working groups are very informal, made up of professors applying for individual grants, not exactly sure what they’re doing
  + Primary goal to publicize grants and attract new members to working groups
* Prof. Manukyan stated that there could be a tab added to the grants site that would have to be advertised
* Kelba said that at Yeshiva U. they had a process whereby PIs could help one other, the challenge was how to get buy-in
* Both Prof. Beachdel and Kelba stated that the grants site has so much information that it can be overwhelming
* Prof. Manukyan stated that the page can include fellowships and other creative works as well as grants
* Committee agreed to postpone a vote on whether to have these groups under the purview of the committee until members can bring this to their academic department meetings and gauge interest

VI. Presidential Grants Committee Update (Prof. Beachdel)

* No update since have not had time to work on it

VII. Research Day 2022

* Prof. Beachdel reported the following:
  + He has received a lot of great feedback on the 2021 Research Day including from Hostos President, Prof. Nunez-Rodriguez
  + We want to build on the success of last year’s event
* Prof. Torres-Velez did the bulk of this work for the most recent Research Day since he has the technical expertise but he would need more help this time
* Committee voted to hold another Research Day in spring 2022 and maybe have a speaker

VIII. Open forum, plans and closing remarks

* None

IX. Next meeting date selection

* Committee agreed to hold next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 11th from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

IV. Grants Working Groups

Thomas Beachdel (TB) stated that these groups would be casual and suggested the creation of working groups for different types of grants, i.e. science, Mellon. TB stated that this can be incredibly helpful.

Guest speaker Prof. Sarah Hoiland (SH)

SH shared experience with ACLS Mellon Community College Fellowship:

​in its 3rd year

$40K awarded to Community College faculty around the U.S.

SH was awarded the grant, the first from Hostos, and wants to help others to get it. She used the fellowship for two years of courses.

SH worked on the grant with the FPP Writing Group. Last year she talked to Dean Mester about a proposal workshop.

1st year of proposal workshop: 4 attended (1 Hostos, 1 LAGCC), 2 awarded

2nd year/this year: 9 faculty attended on ZOOM (ENG -3, SOC. SCI. - 1, HUM - 5), faculty completed a survey which she can share - 8 of 9 completed, some discomfort with Peer Review aspect and protective of their work, 100% reported that it was helpful, included people in group who could not vote on others' reappointment

SH said proposal workshop generated great quality of proposals and feedback which was a surprise

SH said that budgets are really important

Kelba Sosa stated that this type of collaboration is really important. TB said that it helped him a lot.