

University Faculty Senate

Graduate Academic Programs and Research Committee

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Fall Planning Meeting, Saratoga Springs

September 23-24, 2021

Summary and Action Plan

Committee Charge

The Committee serves as a source of professional advice and guidance to the Senate on matters relating to the quality, operation, and encouragement of graduate programs and research. To these ends, the committee may be concerned with the procedures, criteria, and support of existing and new graduate programs within the University. The Committee may review and recommend policies and procedures relating to moral and ethical concerns of research and graduate studies and other matters involving support and furtherance of research and graduate studies within the University.

Committee Members

Martin Kaczocho (Chair, Stony Brook), Asif Ahmed (SUNY Poly), Isabelle Bichindaritz (Oswego), Eric Eisenbraun (SUNY Poly), M. Scott Goodman (Buffalo State), Lee Graham (Oneonta), Samir Haj-Dahmane (UB), Ann Hawkins (SUNY)

Agenda Items for 2021-2022

SUNY Virtual Research Conference. The committee will continue to work with CPD at SUNY to launch the first SUNY-wide virtual graduate student research conference, which will be held on February 25, 2022. The goal of the conference is to provide graduate students the opportunity to present their research to a diverse audience. In addition, the research day could also serve as a catalyst to increase collaborations within the SUNY system by providing a meeting space for faculty and students from across the SUNY system.

Subcommittee: Entire committee

Research and Core Facility Advertisement. The goal of this endeavor is to encourage SUNY/RF to advertise core facility / shared instrumentation capabilities that are available on individual campuses. The RF research newsletter could represent one such advertising medium. An additional advertising mechanism could involve short videos from each research core director highlighting specific capabilities of their respective facilities.

Subcommittee: Asif, Eric, Lee

Open Access, Article Processing Charges, and the Impact on Research Publishing. SUNY has established an open access policy. Open access publishing typically incurs higher article processing costs compared to charges in subscription-based journals. The committee will meet with Carey Hatch and Mark McBride of SUNY to solicit input on the progress of open access publishing within the SUNY system, potential impact of open access publishing on specific fields especially those where grant funding is less common, and any potential impacts on tenure and/or promotion.

Subcommittee: Scott, Isabelle, Samir, Ann