2022-2023 Research, Development & External Partnerships Committee Annual Report

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| Committee | Charges | Progress | Barriers, if any | Estimated Completion Date | Additional Notes |
| Research, Development & External Partnerships | Charge 1: Continue to develop and improve the calls for all awards overseen by the R&D Office in order to increase faculty  awareness and participation in the competitions | Continued to review, but the biggest issue is having to have both Fall and Spring Competitions to get enough submissions and from other than the "usual suspects" | Still some confusion that results from the having two submission periods. | Completed |  |
| Charge 2: Continue to examine and potentially revise guidelines for reviewing and awarding both the Research and External Partnership awards. | The process is still a bit clunky. Dept chairs are not all timely and some don't follow the guidelines, e.g., one dept put forward three  names for one award and none for the other | Department chairs need to be more attentive to the task of nominating the appropriate number of faculty from their programs | Completed |  |
| Charge 3: Implement processes to support additional grant applications building on the expertise of the new grant writing support specialist | A grant writing workshop was held and was attended by folks who all submitted grants in the Fall (and one in Spring). The grant writing specialist was not involved for whatever reason | It is difficult, and a generally ineffective strategy, to have faculty committee members responsible for this. This is where the RD&EP Office should provide more support, but that is  currently not the case. | Completed |  |
| Charge 4: Continue annual review of grant solicitations to ensure that grants are directed as intended to seed research for young scholars | We made some progress in getting young scholars to apply (and be awarded). There is still difficulties since one program is not eligible, given the intent of the Proffitt grant that excludes higher education (despite this two young higher ed  scholars were able to get Summer Proffitts, but that was a stretch) | More proactive work from the RD&EP office can do this, not a faculty committee | Completed |  |
| Charge 5: Consider either revising or adding an additional category to the Outstanding  Research Award so that young scholars have a chance | We still support this idea, but it has so far been slapped down by those above. |  | Completed |  |