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Members present: Tamás Forgács, Jenna Kieckhafer, Song Lee,
James Marshall, Fayzul Pasha, Helda Pinzon Perez,
Vang Vang

Members excused: Liu Lubo (sabbatical), N. P. Mahalik, Samina Najmi

- (1) Committee approved the agenda (PM/FP 7-0).
- (2) Committee approved the minutes for the prior meeting (FP/PM 7-0).
- (3) Communications and Announcements
 - a. Research and graduate studies task force (J. Marshall) – Provost team is establishing several Academic Affairs Strategic Plan Taskforces, and reimagining research and graduate studies is one. All are currently open for nominations for members, and members of this committee are encouraged to apply.
 - b. Research infrastructure (J. Marshall) – A lot of different areas of research infrastructure, and need to organize ourselves across all areas across the campus. J. Marshall thinks Tom should be involved in this process as the chair of this committee, as well as this committee as a whole. Also will discuss workload. We need to see what all is out there, move pieces around, get rid of duplicates, and create a graphic representation. A lot of times faculty, especially new faculty, don't know where to start. This would be useful.
 - c. Update on library/open access developments (V. Vang) – Was supposed to get a list of high impact journals for all disciplines but it was too much.
 - i. Presented a Wikipedia page “List of scientific journals” to the committee, and stated that the page does have issues, however it's a good start to see the overview of journals. Do always check with the journals themselves to verify. Also if you have a journal question you can contact your librarian.
 - ii. Presented <http://scimagojr.com> as an example of journals and books published by Elsevier only. There are search

- engines like this out there, meaning by publisher. V. Vang will provide a list of these types of search engines.
- iii. Biomed central website was also presented. A lot of open sources available, and also discusses submission fees, post fees, etc. This website also lists predatory journals.
 - iv. The library isn't paying any journal publishing fees at this time, but they are open to coming up with a solution with the Provost, senate and the committee.
 - v. Also discussed the idea of making discipline specific journals across the CSU system that could have peer review and be open access. This would be a good alternative to the Fresno State (open access) institutional repository, which is searchable on Google, however not peer reviewed.
- d. Updates on interviews with the deans of colleges (various members) – three have been completed so far, and the rest should be completed this semester.
- e. Update on the progress on APM503 (F. Pasha) – no update yet. F. Pasha welcomes participation from committee members, and would appreciate notification if interested by the end of next week. This committee will be mostly research, and will take several months. Also believes it will be interesting to see language used on this issue from other universities.

(4) Discussion items

- a. Election of vice-chair (T. Forgacs) – The committee believes it will be helpful to elect a vice-chair to help facilitate meetings. Jenna Kieckhaefer was nominated, (FP/PM 7-0).
- b. Faculty survey on publications (T. Forgacs) – Hypothesizes that as faculty moves through the ranks they publish less and less. He wants to send the survey out to all faculty on campus, and even if we get a 30-40% response rate that's a good amount of data.
 - i. The committee discussed the wording of questions, what the focus of the survey would be, and types of questions to ask.
 - ii. One member brought up the fact that we may want to have questions that assess items outside workload issues, believing that all will cite such issues as impeding their progress on publications.
 - iii. We also discussed that we want to add a designation of college to the survey, and also to include lecturers.
 - iv. Finally we discussed that the phrase "peer reviewed" publications may not fit well with many disciplines, like

music who publish scores or history who may be more likely to publish books.

- v. T. Forgacs will put together a list of questions for this survey.

(5) The meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m.