Faculty Research Committee Report for 2018-2019
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Background: The Faculty Research Committee (FRC) consists of nine members appointed by the Chancellor. The Committee advises the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor for Research, other officers of administration, and the Faculty Council on matters of University policy and their implementation that have significant impact upon research.

Mission: The Committee’s broad mission is to contribute to and support the research mission of the University. The FRC is advisory to the Vice Chancellor for Research.

The committee was convened 5 times over the 2018-2019 academic year: November 2018, December 2018, January 2019, February 2019, and April 2019.

In November 2018, the FRC discussed and provided feedback regarding the OVCR’s Creativity Hubs initiative, ORD publication grants, Arts & Humanities Research Grants, and IDEA grants. The FRC also heard and discussed a presentation from the OVCR regarding a new research portal (web page that contains information about all aspects of research here at Carolina – funding sources, regulations, human subjects, etc.).

In December 2018, the FRC continued its discussion of the research portal and decided to develop a faculty survey to solicit ideas about its contents.

In January 2019, the FRC continued to discuss the research portal and the development of a faculty survey.

In February 2019, the FRC continued to discuss the research portal and finalized a brief faculty survey.

In April 2019, the FRC reviewed and provided feedback on funding alerts from OVCR’s ORD. The FRC also reviewed and discussed Idea Grant proposal updates, the Idea Grant review process, and the FRC’s role in reviewing Idea Grants. The FRC also heard updates from the OVCR.