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To: Academic Senate
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Subject: **Committee of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities**

The idea of having a new Academic Senate Standing Committee called the Committee of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (CRSCA) grew out of a campus-wide Ad-hoc committee assembled during the pandemic. The Ad-hoc committee, named Resuming On-campus Research Activities Group (RORAG), was charged with safely resuming research and creative activities on campus during the pandemic. The group consisted of faculty from ECST, HHS and NSS, EHS staff, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Amy Bippus, and Associate Vice President for Research Jeffrey Underwood. The group created a plan that permitted graduate students, undergraduate students, and faculty to perform research on campus. RORAG also advocated for support to restart research as the campus emerged from the pandemic. It was the impetus behind the Provost's Research Grant fund made available to faculty who needed support to restart their research and creative activities. RORAG's successful advocacy for on-campus research and creative activities on campus was critical for the continuation of several externally funded research and research training programs.

Currently the Academic Senate has only indirect channels to address the needs of faculty engaged in research and creative activities. Due to RORAG's success in partnering faculty, administrators, and staff there was a call amongst some members of the Senate Executive Committee and faculty to create a new Academic Senate Standing Committee, heretoforth named the Committee of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities.

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1 COMMITTEE OF RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES (CRSCA)

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3 **CHARGE.** THE COMMITTEE OF RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES (CRSCA)
4 IS CHARGED WITH RECOMMENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REVISION OF POLICY AND
5 GUIDELINES THAT AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE UNIVERSITY'S RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND
6 CREATIVE ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS. THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS COMMITTEE WILL ELEVATE
7 RECOGNITION OF RSCA AND THEIR CRITICAL ROLE ON CAMPUS, ENSURING THEIR SUSTAINED
8 VITALITY. CRSCA HAS THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES:

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10 1. CRSCA WILL RECOMMEND POLICY TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE ON MATTERS RELATED TO
11 RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT FACULTY AND STUDENT
12 ACTIVITIES IN THESE AREAS. CRSCA WILL CONSULT WITH THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITY
13 STANDING COMMITTEES AND UNIVERSITY ENTITIES:

14 A. FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS BEARING ON FINANCIAL
15 ASPECTS OF RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY ISSUES.

16 B. FACULTY POLICY COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS BEARING ON FACULTY
17 RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY ISSUES.

18 C. EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE ON COURSES AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL
19 MODES RELATED TO RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES.

20 D. OTHER UNIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEES AND ENTITIES ON RELEVANT ISSUES
21 RELATED TO RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY.

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23 2. CRSCA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE UAS BOARD, COMMUNICATE THE INTERESTS OF
24 FACULTY WHO ARE ENGAGED IN RSCA TO THE UAS BOARD.

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26 3. CRSCA WILL COLLABORATE WITH ORSCA TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO RSCA AS
27 REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT, PROVOST, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OTHER STANDING
28 UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, AND ACADEMIC SENATE AS NEEDED.

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30 **MEMBERSHIP.** CRSCA SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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32 1. ONE VOTING MEMBER FROM EACH COLLEGE ELECTED FOR STAGGERED THREE-YEAR
33 TERMS ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COLLEGE
34 FACULTY. ALTERNATE MEMBERS SHALL ALSO BE ELECTED BY THESE PROCEDURES.
35 FACULTY MEMBERS IN THE LIBRARY AND STUDENT AFFAIRS ARE CONSIDERED THE
36 SAME AS A COLLEGE FOR THIS PURPOSE. NO COLLEGE SHALL HAVE FEWER THAN ONE
37 MEMBER ON THIS COMMITTEE.

38 2. TWO VOTING MEMBERS FROM TWO DIFFERENT COLLEGES APPOINTED BY THE
39 UNIVERSITY NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR STAGGERED THREE-YEAR TERMS.

40 3. ONE VOTING MEMBER FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AS THE
41 LIAISON MEMBER.

42 4. THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY
43 AUXILIARY SERVICES, AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, OR DESIGNEES,

44 WHO SERVE AS EX OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS. THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT
45 FOR RESEARCH SERVES AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.
46 5. TWO VOTING STUDENT MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD OF
47 DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC. ONE STUDENT MUST BE AN
48 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AND THE OTHER MUST BE AN ENROLLED CLASSIFIED
49 GRADUATE OR POST- BACCALAUREATE CREDENTIAL STUDENT. THE CRITERIA FOR
50 STUDENT MEMBERS ARE THE SAME AS THOSE SPECIFIED FOR STUDENT MEMBERS OF
51 THE ACADEMIC SENATE (CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY, SECTION 3H, APPENDIX C OF
52 THE FACULTY HANDBOOK).

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54 **QUORUM.** A QUORUM SHALL BE A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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56 **OFFICERS AND DUTIES.**

- 57 1. THE OFFICERS OF THIS COMMITTEE ARE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR WHO SHALL BE
58 ELECTED ANNUALLY AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE SPRING TERM BY THE MEMBERS OF
59 THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S COMMITTEE.
- 60 2. A RECORDING SECRETARY FROM ORSCA WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE COMMITTEE.
- 61 3. THE CHAIR SHALL CALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND
62 SHALL SET THE AGENDA.
- 63 4. THE COMMITTEE MEETS REGULARLY DURING FALL AND SPRING TERMS AND AS NEEDED
64 DURING THE SUMMER AND WINTER TERM.
- 65 5. THE COMMITTEE CHAIR SHALL DETERMINE BY THE THIRD WEEK OF THE SPRING TERM
66 THE FACULTY REPLACEMENT NEEDS FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SUMMER TERM
67 AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE COMMITTEE CHAIR SHALL
68 NOTIFY THE COLLEGES TO CONDUCT NECESSARY ELECTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE.

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70 **MEETING TIME.** CRSCA MEETS BIWEEKLY ON XXXXXDAYS FROM Y TO Z P.M.