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**Members present**: Rhett Billen, Tamás Forgács, Mandeep Kaur, Jenna Kieckhaefer, James Marshall, Jonathan Pryor, Keith Story, Vang Vang, Martha Vungkhanching, Wes Wise

**Members absent**: Sankha Banerjee

(1) Approval of agenda (MSC).

(2) Approval of the minutes of 9/17/20 (1 abstention).

(3) Communications and Announcements

(a) Canvas shell for the committee (Forgács). The purpose of this shell is to keep up the continuity of the committee, for example as members enter the committee or leave the committee. Minutes from the last few years will be placed on Canvas. There are also agendas from past meetings, and a document about our current media campaign project. There was also a request to add information about all current members of the committee, along with contact information. The Canvas shell will also be useful in our discussions about the Laval Award discussions that we have in December.

(b) Update on research videos (Forgács and Wise). The College of Science and Math had prior videos that were similar to what we wanted, however he learned that they contracted out that work. Since we have no budget for our project that wouldn’t be feasible. Wise shared the brief that describes what we are looking for with the research videos. The best description of what we want is a 3-minute Ted talk about what they do, and be as creative as they want to with it. The audience is our fellow faculty members, so we can assume that they know about research in general. An example would be a video that shows what research in math looks like. About a minute or so on the research, another bit of time that talks about time to publication (ex. 4 months or 1.5 years). These could also be helpful for RTP reviewers throughout the university. The videos could also be helpful in showcasing new faculty, and helping with funding too. Perhaps we could have a couple ready by the end of the semester that would be helpful in showing our colleagues what we are looking for with this media campaign. Dean Marshall also stated he might be able to incentivize faculty to complete a video by being entered in to a raffle for the chance to win 1-2 virtual conference presentation registrations up to $250.

(c) Laval Competition (Forgács). The Laval discussions will occur during our November meeting. There are 2 currently in draft form, and are due November 1. Each committee member will review no more than 2-3 applications. Our assigned reviews will be emailed to members in early November.

(d) Membership/APP (Forgács). The issue of two members from COSS will be discussed in the APP meeting this Thursday, so that will be relayed to us after that.

(e) Vice Chair for Spring 2021 (Kieckhaefer). Since Forgács will be on sabbatical and Kieckhaefer will be Chair of the committee, we will need a Vice Chair for Spring 2021. Members were encouraged to send nominations to Forgács, and then an election will follow.

(f) Phased Ramp Up Plan for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (Marshall). There’s a website that houses the plan, which is a document that outlines and provides all details of the plan. The plan is for research that was interrupted from COVID. Right now, we are between phases 2 and 3.

(4) Discussion items

(5) The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.