

Research, Scholarship, Creative Expression Council Meeting

March 27, 2023

2:00-3:00

Present: Nicholas Hirshon (Chair), Tom Fallace, Jill Nocella, Andrey Kretinin, David Williams

Absent: Jan Pinkston, Babita Srivastava, Anthony Mayo

Guest: Associate Provost Jonathan Lincoln

Tom Fallace appointed to take notes.

1. The Research, Scholarship, and Creative Expression Council meets on Microsoft Teams with Provost Jonathan Lincoln to discuss how to support student research.

Provost Lincoln spoke to the RSCE Council in Fall 2021 and encouraged the council to examine how to involve undergraduates in research and scholarship. The council has been homing in on whether the Honors College's one-credit student research pilot program should be applied to more or all WP students.

Hirshon reviewed the pros and cons of adopting 1 credit research class for entire WPU student population, as discussed in previous meeting

Lincoln encouraged any departments that wanted to pursue the 1-credit class on their own to do so, but he was hesitant to require all departments to do so because of lack of resources and the fact that the demographics of the WPU student population do not match that of the Honors College. In general, he did not think that pursuing the one-credit research class "was the right direction" for all WPU undergrad students.

Lincoln suggested building research into existing classes, having workshops for faculty interested in incorporating more research, and hosting "listening sessions for faculty" on the topic.

Fallace asked whether students are already doing research activities, but don't think that they are, so perhaps faculty need to do better job of explaining/selling the research to students. He gave his own UCC Area 3B class as an example of doing research, but students probably do not think of it as such. Lincoln responded that perhaps changing the names of courses would help.

Williams added that the library has an infrastructure set up to support student research, but departments are too busy to set up and support initiatives.

Lincoln suggested using the badge system (which is under review for renewal) to recognize and encourage student research. Hirshon thought this was great idea because he has observed how badges motivate students.

Lincoln departed the meeting.

Nocella suggested that we host a panel of faculty on "high impact practices" for incorporating research into a course. Fallace suggested that we coordinate with the Center of Teaching Excellent. The Council decided to pursue this in fall 2023.

Hirshon promoted his panel on investigative reporting for Explorations.

Fallace asked about why we need to use *Qualtrics* for *Explorations* participants, particularly why do they need to upload an abstract? Nocella added that *Qualtrics* was confusing and off-putting for participants.

It was decided that the Council's work for 2022-2023 was complete, and that we did not need to meet any more. See you next year!

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Fallace