

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Research and Scholarship Council**  
**December 5, 2018**

**Present:** Stephen Betts (CCOB), Nick Hirshon (COAC), Richard Huizar (COHSS), Cyril Ku (COSH), Jan Pinkston (Honors College), Martin Williams (OSP)

**Calling-In:** Annamarie Klose Hrubes (Library), Lisa Warner (COE)

- I. Meeting convened at 12:37 p.m. by M. Williams in OSP Office in Raubinger Hall, Room 309. N. Hirshon was appointed as secretary.
- II. The council agreed to postpone a vote on approval of the November 7 minutes until the next meeting.
- III. Provost Lecturer Series Working Group – N. Hirshon
  - a. N. Hirshon shared a report on the November 20 meeting of the Provost Lecturer Series Working Group, consisting of N. Hirshon as chair and members L. Warner and M. Williams. The working group recommended the selection process reward a body of work, as opposed to an individual piece of research, and be geared toward more established scholars. Criteria for selection would include evidence of the significance and impact of research or creative expression, such as grants, high-impact journal articles, a book published by a university press, and a record of keynote presentations. The first part of the application would be an explanation why the person feels they are distinguished and the second part would be the topic or question they'd like to discuss, as well as an abstract. M. Williams suggested the format be similar to a TedTalk appealing to a general but highly knowledgeable audience, with the lecture revolving around a broad question such as "What makes a good theater production?" The working group agreed that holding a dinner as part of the lecture would create a social environment and become a draw.
  - b. R. Huizar suggested the formation of a small committee of faculty from different disciplines, perhaps one from each college, to select the lecturer.
  - c. S. Betts suggested the committee could narrow down the candidates and allow the provost to make the final choice.
  - d. The council agreed the process should begin with a committee made up of representatives from each college and the library to narrow down the candidate pool and make three recommendations to the provost.
  - e. M. Williams suggested the application process begin in the spring and result in the selection of two lecturers for the following academic year.
  - f. S. Betts suggested that faculty could nominate their colleagues.
  - g. N. Hirshon agreed to draft a proposal for the Provost Lecturer Series, based on the feedback received from the council members, to be voted on at the next council meeting.
  - h. S. Betts suggested the event could be held in the faculty dining room.
- IV. Open Access Working Group – A. Klose Hrubes

- a. The working group wants to protect faculty’s copyright to their work and allow the university to share their research and creative expression. Faculty can choose to opt out of Open Access if, for example, a publisher refuses the research be published via Open Access.
  - b. A. Klose Hrubes said she would send a Doodle poll to S. Betts and R. Huizar to schedule another Open Access Working Group meeting before the Research and Scholarship Council meeting in January.
- V. Portal Working Group – M. Williams
  - a. No report.
- VI. Explorations 2019 – L. Warner
  - a. M. Williams said that Explorations would benefit from an assessment performed independently, outside OSP.
  - b. A. Klose Hrubes, L. Warner, and M. Williams suggested that given the large number of existing working groups within the Research and Scholarship Council, the Research and Scholarship Council would ask the Assessment Council to assess Explorations.
  - c. M. Williams commented that the Research and Scholarship Council should ask how the assessment would be used.
  - d. M. Williams has received prospective Explorations posters from students in M. Finn’s graphic arts class. The council reviewed nine student submissions: an overhead view of a whale and a boat; several scattered, colorful geometric shapes; abstract mountains in the William Paterson colors of black and orange; orange binoculars in a black field; the word “Explorations” against a field of stars; two outlines of nerves in the human brain; slices of photographs of faces of famous people such as Amy Winehouse, Nelson Mandela, Steve Jobs, and Stephen Hawking; and rings around a planet.
  - e. M. Finn’s class will also create options for the masthead of the website.
  - f. M. Williams said the poster would be released at the beginning of the Spring 2019 semester.
- VII. Boyer Model
  - a. The Boyer Model will be discussed at council meeting on Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. in Raubinger 309. R. Huizar volunteered to take notes at the Dec. 18 meeting.
  - b. M. Williams distributed copies of *Scholarship Reconsidered* to C. Ku and J. Pinkston. A. Klose Hrubes reminded council members that the library website has digital copies of the book.
  - c. M. Williams reminded council members that he had sent an email with video links on the Boyer Model.
- VIII. January Meeting
  - a. A. Klose Hrubes said she would send a Doodle poll to schedule Spring 2019 council meetings. M. Williams suggested the first meeting occur early in the spring semester, and L. Warner recommended the last two weeks of January.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Nick Hirshon