

Scholarship Environment Committee

PURPOSE:

- Creating a culture of scholarship that encompasses scholarship in all of its forms including:
 - The scholarship of discovery that includes original research that advances knowledge
 - The scholarship of integration that involves synthesis of information across disciplines, across topics within a discipline, or across time
 - The scholarship of application (also later called the scholarship of engagement) that goes beyond the service duties of a faculty member to those within or outside the University and involves the rigor and application of disciplinary expertise with results that can be shared with and/or evaluated by peers
 - The scholarship of teaching and learning that involves the systematic study of teaching and learning processes. It differs from scholarly teaching in that it requires a format that will allow public sharing and the opportunity for application and evaluation by others
- Enhancing and strengthening Fort Hays State University's culture of scholarship by:
 - Advising the Provost on policies and procedures that encourage and support scholarship, including alignment of incentives and reward systems
 - Partnering with the Faculty Development Committee on orientation of new faculty to scholarly expectations and opportunities
 - Creating forums for faculty and students to share their scholarly activities such as planning and coordinating the campus scholarship day and other research related initiatives
 - Creating collaborative opportunities for scholarship across departments, colleges, other KBOR institutions and international partners
 - Gathering and examining data pursuant to the Higher Learning Commission Academic Quality Improvement Project (AQIP) scholarship goals and suggesting strategies to achieve these goals
 - Promoting resources that are available to the faculty
- Suggesting new and innovative university approaches to scholarship with the aim of expanding the number of opportunities for scholarship and increasing faculty and student participation
- Drafting detailed policy proposals to implement the Research Environment Task Force recommendations
- Provide guidance and support for encouraging, improving and evaluating undergraduate research/scholarly/creative activities

MEMBERSHIP:

- Officers
 - Chaired by a faculty member elected by the committee at the last meeting of the academic year who will take office at the first meeting of the subsequent year. The Chairperson shall be the presiding officer and shall:

- administer all business of the committee
- meet with the Provost at the beginning of the Fall semester to receive the annual charges of the committee, at the beginning of the Spring semester to provide a progress report, at the end of the Spring semester (accompanied by the chair elect if possible) to review the annual report, and as needed to discuss committee issues and transmit information on charges as they are achieved
- submit an annual report, using the template provided by the Office of the Provost, summarizing the committee achievements and recommendations to the Provost at least two weeks before the end of the spring semester.
- A secretary will be elected from the membership at the first meeting of the academic year. The secretary shall record and transmit minutes of all committee meetings and assist the chairpersons with correspondence of the committee as requested.
- Ex-officio
 1. Director of the Office of Scholarship and Sponsored Projects
 2. KAMS Director
 3. Faculty Research Association representative
- Faculty representatives
 4. One from Graduate School appointed by Graduate Council
 5. One from each college representing undergraduate programs
 6. One from each college representing graduate programs
 7. At-Large representation per committee – up to 7
- Other
 8. SGA representatives 1-4 (not counted towards quorum)
undergrad student empirical, undergrad student non-empirical, grad student empirical, grad student non-empirical
 9. Library

HOW APPOINTED: Deans make recommendations for their colleges; senate presidents make recommendations for their individual senates.

ROTATION: Representatives from each of the colleges and the library will serve a three-year term and may be appointed to additional terms. Student representatives will be appointed annually.

WHEN APPOINTED: Members will be appointed in the spring semester and take their seats at the first meeting of the subsequent fall semester.

MEETING FREQUENCY: The committee shall meet as necessary to conduct the business of the committee, meeting at least monthly during each academic semester.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Quorum shall be met when a simple majority, that is 50% of the committee plus one, is present. No business can be conducted without a quorum present.