**This template is provided as guidance in assisting committees to satisfy the reporting requirements found in Faculty Senate Bylaws, Article III, Section 2. Please note the following applicable provisions:**

***The Chair of each Faculty Senate Committee shall report at least once each semester to the chair of the Executive Committee regarding the business conducted by the Faculty Senate Committee….***

***It shall be the responsibility of committee chairs to monitor their committee membership’s status and any vacancies (whether occurring by repeated absence, leave of absence, resignation or retirement), and promptly report any occurring vacancies to the Senate leadership.***

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**Report to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

**Mid-year report Year-end report**

**Date: 5/29/2018**

**Committee Name**: Research

**Chair or Co-Chairs: Jiangping Chen**

**Meetings for the term/year**: **[insert dates of all meetings to-date, whether electronic or in-person]**

**3/06/2018 at Musical Building Room 293**

**Membership and Attendance** (year-to-date attendance record):

**[These column and row titles may vary based upon the nature of the committee composition]**

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| **Group Represented, committee office, if applicable** | **Name** | **Department or administrative unit affiliation** | **Term End**  **(if applicable)** | **Meetings Attended** | **Meetings Absent (# Excused)** |
| Chair | Jiangping Chen | Information Science | 2019 | yes |  |
| Co-chair |  |  |  |  |  |
| Secretary |  |  |  |  |  |
| Group I | Iftekhar Ahmed | COMM | 2018 | yes |  |
| Group II | **The Chair** |  |  |  |  |
| Group III | Srinvasan Srivilliputhur | MTSE | 2020 |  |  |
| Group IV | Daniel Tylor | PSYC | 2020 |  |  |
| Group V | Priscilla Connors | HTM | 2018 | Yes |  |
| Group VI | Brian McFarlin | KHPR | 2020 |  |  |
| Group VII | Lee Hughes | BIOL | 2020 |  |  |
| Group VIII | Jennifer Lane | MUVS | 2018 | yes |  |
| At-large | Nolan Gaffney, Brian Ayre, John Peters |  |  |  |  |

**Accomplishments (including items submitted for review or approval to the Executive Committee or Faculty Senate): [bulleted list or narrative]**

We had our first meeting with 4 people who were able to attend (Jiangping, Jennifer, Priscilla, and Iftekhar) due to the short notice. Thanks to Jennifer who reserved the room for us - it’s super easy to find!

We reviewed the committee charges, Issues that we wish the new VPR could work on (or the candidate should be aware of), and the arrangement of the next meeting. Here are the main points:

(1) we first discussed Brian Ayre’s message and we agree with him on what he said: An important issue for the new VPR is vision for supporting and expanding research endeavors at UNT in current funding situations and continue to improve the grant writing process and lower hurdles to help faculty focusing on the proposal contents.

(2) Committee Charges. due to the current status of VPR office and the fact that UNT is conducting a VPR search, there is not much the committee can do to work with the VPR office. We may consider revising the committee charges in our future meetings;

(3) We discussed the issues as related to the new VP&R:

(a) The person should be aware that to keep UNT Tier One status, UNT needs to continue to graduate more PhDs, which is the major reason that we obtained Tier One. So work collaboratively with the Provost to expand/add new PHD programs is important;

(b) Be aware of the change of TAMS from STEM category to STEAM - art is added;

(c) Internal grants or seed funds at the university level should be enhanced to encourage faculty work on ideas that may lead to larger, external funding; we talked about the interdisciplinary phd program as a good mechanism to increase research;

(d)We discussed about the lack of communication as a barrier to faculty research - Faculty may have difficulty to find a collaborator or a graduate student that could help them even the faculty have good ideas.  We hope the new VPR could do something on that.

**Ongoing/future projects: [bulleted list or narrative]**

We will wait for the hire of new VPR so the committee can work with him/her on the committee’s charges.