**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.***

**Email completed reports to** [**facultysenate@unt.edu**](mailto:facultysenate@unt.edu)**.**

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**Report to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee**

**Mid-year report √ Year-end report**

**Date:** May 1, 2019

**Committee Name**: Faculty Research Committee

**Chair or Co-Chairs:** Jennifer Lane

**Meetings for the term/year**:February 1 and 6, 2019

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

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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 | Jennifer Lane | MUSIC | 2021 | 2 |  |
| Group I | Jorg Aviles-Diz | SPAN | 2021 | 2 |  |
| Group II | Jiangping Chen | IS | 2019 | 0 |  |
| Group III | Srnivasan Srivilliputhur | MTSE | 2020 | 1 |  |
| Group IV | Scott Belshaw | DCJ | 2021 | 0 |  |
| Group V | Anat BarNir | MGMT | 2021 | 2 |  |
| Group VI | Brian McFarlin | KHPR | 2020 | 2 |  |
| Group VII | Lee Hughes | BIOL | 2020 | 2 |  |
| Group VIII | Jennifer Lane | MUSIC | 2021 | 2 |  |
| At-large EC | John Peters | ENGL | 2019 | 2 |  |
| At-large EC | Yunjo An | LTEC | 2021 | 1 |  |
| At-large EC | Hakan Tarakci | ITDS | 2021 | 2 |  |

**Accomplishments (including items submitted for review or approval to the Executive Committee or Faculty Senate):**

The committee met with Dr. Nahendra Dahotre to discuss the status of IRB approvals. There was discovered to be a disconnect in communication regarding faculty interest/willingness to serve on the IRB. Dr. Dahotre requested names to be sent to him of faculty interested in serving on/chairing the IRB. The following faculty have volunteered to serve on the IRB:

The following individuals have provided their names to the Faculty Senate Research Committee saying they are interested in being on the IRB Committee:

1. **Dr. Scott Warren**, Professor in the Department of Learning Technologies, is willing to serve on the IRB committee.

1. **Scott H. Belshaw**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Director of UNT Cyber Forensics Lab

1. **Young Hoon Kim,** Ph.D., Associate Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management and Co-Director of Sport and Event Management Laboratory at University of North Texas

1. **Dr. Xin Wang**, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Information Sciences,

1. **Dr. Elias Mpofu,** Professor, Rehabilitation and Health Services, College of Health and Public Service, [Elias.Mpofu@unt.edu](mailto:Elias.Mpofu@unt.edu)

1. **Dr. Dalia Chowdhury**, Assistant Professor, Rehabilitation and Health Services, College of Health and Public Service, [Dalia.Chowdhury@unt.edu](mailto:Dalia.Chowdhury@unt.edu)

1. **Dr. Gul Seckin**, Assistant Professor, Sociology, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, [Gul.Seckin@unt.edu](mailto:Gul.Seckin@unt.edu)

The committee shared faculty concerns about longer than usual delays in IRB processing of grant proposals. It was discovered after the meeting that federal research guidelines changed as of July 2018, but that UNT had not posted new guidelines for faculty. The committee requested such guidelines to be posted.

The committee also met with Provost Jennifer Cowley to discuss the search for VP of Research and Innovation. Provost Cowley outlined the path UNT is pursuing to retain its R1 status. VPI search is ongoing.

**Ongoing/future projects**:

UNT’s R1 Status was renewed. UNT is seeking to improve its ranking to make retaining R1 status more secure and to become eligible for new sources of funding. The VPRI permanent position remains as yet unfilled. The committee will assist with that as needed.