

## **MINUTES**

University Senates Conference

Academic Affairs and Research Committee

Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, from 1:15-2 p.m. by phone conference

Present: B. Francis; W. Maher; and K. Novak, Chair

Absent: B. DeBerry-Spence; P. Kalita;

### **Business**

- A. USC presentation to the Board of Trustees, March 15, in Urbana  
Members met to finalize the USC presentation to the Board of Trustees, March 15, in Urbana. Presenter: UIC Professor of Jewish Studies and English, Rachel Havrelock, who is doing work with the Fresh Water Lab and research on the Great Lakes, which has a promising impact on the area/society. Per email correspondence, Dr. Havrelock will submit her presentation for USC review several days prior to deadline to submit it to the President's Office to be included in the Board meeting packet.

Because the USC would like a presentation inclusive of the system universities, members discussed that a USC member should introduce Dr. Havrelock. DeBerry-Spence presented in January to show faculty engagement with research and research engagement with community, and she is a fellow UIC faculty member of Dr. Havrelock's, so committee members suggested she would be a good choice to introduce. If unavailable, however, the committee will request USC Chair Rao to introduce our speaker.

- B. Review Policy of Conflicts of Commitment and Interest (COCI) (Kathy, Prasanta) and Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research (FCOIR) and the Organizational Conflicts of Interest (COCI) (Bill, Bettina, Benét) to report to USC Apr. 2 meeting.

The policy is currently under review in the appropriate UIUC senate committee. It is not in the UIS senate, and no word on the UIC senate. AARC members discussed how to review policy documents. The policy recently received a five-year review by a committee formed under the EVP/VPAA Office and was revised for clarity, consistency and organization. Members will set up Box to review the documents to present to the USC in April.

### **Next Meeting:**

Week of March 26, TBA