Western Connecticut State University  
Research & Development Committee  

Annual Report to the University Senate 2014-2015

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I. Committee Members/Representing:

Pauline Assenza (A)  
Frank Dye (Appointed by the Provost)  
Xiaomei Gong (L/C/C)  
Gabrielle Jazwiecki (Director of the Office of Sponsored Research Administrative Services)  
Leslie Lindenauer (Appointed by the Provost)  
Gabriel Lomas (PS)  
Douglas O’Grady (VPA)  
Jack Tom (VPA)

It is important to acknowledge the help of Jennifer Cunningham, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Provost.

II. Meetings/Business:

The committee met twice this academic year: September 16, and December 10.

1. September 16 meeting. The committee met to elect a replacement Chairperson because of the departure of the Chair-Elect, Ruth Gyure, from the committee. Douglas O’Grady was elected Chair. Gabriel Lomas agreed to be Secretary. New members were introduced, and the committee bylaws were reviewed. Discussion about how best to provide information to faculty regarding applying for reassigned time resulted in the decision to forego providing information sessions, and to schedule information sessions only if there appeared to be an interest.

2. December 10 meeting. The committee reviewed 21 proposals requesting 161 credits of reassigned time for the 2015-2016 academic year. Fifteen proposals were recommended to the Provost, for a total of 64.5 credits awarded; the same amount of reassigned time contractually allocated last year. Six proposals were not recommended based on merit.