

Laser Focus on Building College's Research Portfolio

Boca Raton, FL – Nov. 12, 2015 – As the College for Design and Social Inquiry ramps up its sponsored research initiatives, it has begun to develop a robust foundation to support faculty in those efforts. It recently established a committee to grow the needed infrastructure. In addition, the college is working with the Division of Research to help faculty identify grant opportunities, complete grant applications and administratively support any awarded projects.

To date, the committee has worked to identify needed resources and incentives, and to establish a timeline for when the research support should be in place for faculty. The college also plans to seek advice from researcher leaders inside and outside its walls on medium and long-term goals. During the spring semester, it plans to do a 360-degree analysis of research infrastructure, capacities, support and goals for the next five years. The college's leadership also plans to draft its first research five-year strategic plan, setting benchmarks for grant applications, grant procurement, tier-one publishing and other internationally regarded research activity.

The college will also focus on updated faculty profiles that outline research interest in an effort to increase collaboration with scientists across the university. In addition, the leadership team will look to other means to increase their faculty research profiles.

The college's research infrastructure committee consists of Drs. John Graham (chair), Sameer Hinduja, Juyoung Park, Diana Mitsova-Boneva, Alka Sapat, Emmanouil Vermisso; with Dr. Wes Hawkins, Mr. Jerry Clinton, and Dr. Ron Nyhan (ex officio).