

Research Committee Meeting – Annual Conference St Louis

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

PRESENT

[Sarah Champlin-Scharff](#), Chair (2016-2018), Harvard University (2010-2018), Region 1
[Leigh Cunningham](#), NACADA Executive Office Liaison
[Janet Schulerberg](#), Penn State University (2006-2018), Region 2
[Craig McGill](#), Florida International University (2016-2018), Region 4
[Shannon Burton](#), Michigan State University (2011-2019), Region 5
[Drew Puroway](#), University of St Thomas (2014-2018), Region 6
[Kiana Shiroma](#), University of Hawai'i at Manoa (2016-2018), Region 9
[David Grey](#), York St John University (2016-2018), International

ABSENT

[Susan Campbell](#), Northeastern University (2013-2019), Region 1
[Julie Traxler](#), Rutgers State University-New Brunswick (2011-2017), Region 2
[Del Schwab](#), Penn State University (2014-2018), Region 2
[Quentin Alexander](#), Longwood University (2017-2019), Region 2
[Helen Mulhern Halasz](#), University of South Carolina (2015-2019), Region 3
[Arian Adducchio](#), Sinclair Community College (2015-2017), Region 5
[Kristan Venegas](#), University of Southern California (2015-2018), Region 9
[Wendy Troxel](#), Director, NACADA Research Center (ad hoc)

GUESTS

Brett McFarlane (BoD), Kyle Ross (Council), Steve Viveiros (Council), Sean Wernert, Tara Maloney Pickett, John Sauter, CJ Venable, Sean Bridgen, Twaina Harris

Discussion Items

- Sarah welcomed committee members and guests
- Sarah encouraged members to serve as ambassadors for the committee and to look for ways to connect members and encourage interest
 - People are often interested in research but do not yet have enough experience to be ready to contribute to the tasks the committee currently does. Sarah is looking at finding places to point these folks to gain the experience needed to be ready to serve on the committee.
 - Sarah asked committee members if they would be willing to serve as a referred-connection for people who contact her – all agreed.
- Sarah discussed review of goals for the committee
 - What do we want the committee to accomplish?
 - Support advisors who want to do research
 - How to come up with an idea for research and turn it into an actual research project
 - Help members overcome barriers (whatever they may be) to participating in research
 - Trying to build a body of research. Many people may not yet have the skills, but they still have something valuable to say. Lack of confidence may be the issue for some, but others need to build basic skills.
 - Could there be a connection (mentoring/consulting) to CIGs?
 - Need to review and update committee activities and sub-committees
 - Research grant review – Sarah, Shannon, Drew, Craig, Del
 - Research award review – Sarah, Helen, Del

- Survey application review -
 - Research Symposium will be part of the Winter Events this year
- Sarah discussed Research Center activities/initiatives
 - Research Modules – snapshots of various research-related areas, about 15 minutes each (i.e. Shannon is working on one on research integrity)
 - Writing Support – Sarah had a conversation with Rhonda (who is working on new publication) about support areas that are being developed and is very excited about those
- How to continue the research sessions at the regional conferences?
 - This was brought up as an area that needs further conversation. Could there be a “best of region” presentation for research?

General themes that arose in discussion

- Consulting sessions @ regional conferences—Committee members would need to work with their regions to make this happen.
- Peer support for research
- Helping new and developing researchers overcome barriers to do research. It was clear that a number of committee members agreed that this is ought to be one developed
- Connect with commission and interest group members to help flesh out some of their potential research projects. Zoom could be used to help facilitate.
- Module proposed: Research Presentations, how to structure and create
- Suggestion to introduce the idea of best of research presentation in the region, just as there is best in region (for the annual conference).
- Journal rejection debriefing, is someone doing this, ought it be the jurisdiction of the research committee? Talk to Wendy and Susan about this.
- Mentoring program like the ELP for leaders. Perhaps we could do something on a small scale.

From Agenda:

1. Summary of Chairs activities

- Core competencies: finding a foundational place for research to “live” in the discussion
- Conversations with a number of advisors interested in exploring the idea of pursuing a research project
- Research grant applicants now required to be members of NACADA (help discourage folks from applying without a basic understanding of the field of advising research)

2. GOALS for 2017-2018 - to distinguish the role of the committee from the role of the new center.

- Review and update the committee’s goals and activities (sub-committee – Janet, Drew, Kristan)
- Review and update committee activities and sub-committees
- Update on Research Symposium

3. Summary of Research Center activities/initiatives

- Research Modules
- Writing Support
- Other initiatives

4. Further Ideas/Updates for consideration and discussion

- How to continue the research sessions at the regional conferences? (Committee’s presence at the committee/influencing the importance of research to the membership, and offering support, guidance)
- Research modules piloted by the Research Center (Wendy)
- Humanities Research—connecting with theory and philosophy commission
- Connecting with the Research Center