11.17.21 MRIC Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Tracy Kress, Salika Lawrence, Sylvia Twersky, Erica Kalinowski, Matthew Mizuhara, Ting Sun, Shannon Conklin, John Leonard, Elika Mohebbi

The meeting started at 1:31pm

- 1. Committee reviewed and approved meeting minutes from 10/20/21.
- 2. Sylvia Twersky provided an update on the subcommittee meeting. There was a discussion about providing a guide for faculty, and the long-term goals for implementing the Lightning Rounds to recruit students who might not participate in MUSE.
- 3. Discussion about MUSE stipend: how the program can be more competitive, how it compares to other institution and other programs such as REU and the needs of students as they progress through their undergraduate education, as well as strategies for identifying sources of funds. The committee discussed the importance of funding to address diversity issues and recruitment goals for the MUSE programs, potentially partnering with other programs across the college with similar goals, and addressing the hours required by students for participating in MUSE over the summer. The committee also discussed the Day of Giving as a potential fundraising option. Salika Lawrence will develop a policy memo/statement about the long-term goals and objectives for revising the MUSE program for next year and send bring it to the committee for review. Matthew Mizuhara and Shannon Conklin will collect some data to support the recommended shifts for the MUSE program. The Tracy Kress and John Leonard will inquire about the process for making changes to the MUSE program as well as looking into ways to get more data for evidence-based policy, such as trends and impact of students participating in MUSE.
- 4. John Leonard & Tracy Kress provided an update on process for approving list of faculty volunteering for MUSE. The next steps will be to send list to Senate Exec for review and approval. They also provided an update on faculty Q&A and faculty-student match pilot. A flyer will be sent to deans and chairs about the upcoming information session.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24pm

Respectfully submitted by Salika Lawrence