**Sul Ross State University Research Council Report, 2020-21**

The following report is a summary of meetings and correspondence of the Sul Ross State University Research Council from 11/18/2020 (first meeting) to 9/30/2021.

Meeting Dates

* 11/18/2020
* 02/25/2021

Council Activities

* Dr. Thomas Shiller became chair of the Research Council on 11/18/2020 after volunteering for the position.
* The council corresponded with Brett Seybert about outside funding information for faculty.
* Brett Seybert offered to give a presentation to the Research Council about grants and grant-writing assistance.
* Dr. Jessica Velasco proposed conducting a survey of faculty to determine what challenges faculty in different disciplines face with funding and research.
* The council offered to help Brett Seybert and the Sul Ross Office of Research construct a list of funding sources applicable to Sul Ross faculty/student research.
* The council discussed the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process and the University Survey Committee (USC).

Council’s 2022 Goals

* Collaborate with Brett Seybert and Eric Funasaki to compile a list of outside funding sources that apply to Sul Ross faculty and student research.
* Administer a survey to determine the challenges faced by faculty seeking and managing grants.
* Continue to monitor the status of Research Enhancement and Faculty Development and Enrichment funding.
* Assist the IRB in disseminating information to faculty and students about CITI training requirements.