6.3.7.3.2 Functions

Background:
A) May 2013 motion passed at Senate, which was subsequently found to have been voted on in a confusing way not conforming to proper procedures (deleting the crossed out sentence):

The second function of the UFRC is to ensure that the department has applied standards of scholarly or creative activity that are nationally recognized as appropriate in the candidate’s discipline and consistent with the UMBC criteria found in 6.2. The UFRC may consult individuals outside of UMBC only to determine those types of scholarly or creative activities that are nationally recognized as appropriate by any particular discipline. The UFRC may not consult with individuals outside of UMBC to evaluate the candidate. If the UFRC finds that the DP&TC, the Department Chair, and/or the appropriate Dean failed to apply such standards, it shall so inform the Provost.

Suggested new motion:
It is suggested that the second sentence that was deleted under the May 2013 Senate motion (A) be restored without the additional proposed language in the New proposed FAC motion (B) which restricts the UFRC consultation to “the Dean, the Department Chair, and the DP&TC.” Such restriction means that the UFRC would not be allowed to query any other sources of expertise that might be available on campus under any circumstances. We think this would be particularly important for determining fair standards of evaluation for candidates who are involved in interdisciplinary subfields.

Proposed Motion 3: (Deleted sentence and added BOLD sentence)
Section 6.3.7.3.2
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