

2017 – 2018 Annual Report

Research and Scholarship Council – Jamie Collins, Chair

Research and Scholarship Council Chair Jamie Collins provided an overview of recent council activity including presentations from:

- Library representatives to discuss an open access publishing fund supported by the Provost's Office. This issue will be discussed in the upcoming steering committee meeting.
- Glen Morris from Emerging Pathogens Institute regarding international research which was passed along to the steering committee. VP of Research Dr. David Norton will provide a follow-up and update of recent university efforts at an upcoming SCORS meeting.
- Peter Iafrate, Chair of IRB-01, discussed current and upcoming IRB-related items
- Dean Judith Russell discussed new initiatives at the University Libraries.
- Stephanie Gray, Assistant Vice President, Division of Sponsored Programs, and Tiffany Schmidt, Interim Director, Contracts & Grants, answered inquiries for and provided an overview of effort reporting.
- Steven Madore, Associate Director for Science, Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research (ICBR) discussed recent efforts within the ICBR, upcoming initiatives, and ongoing challenges.
- Team Science initiatives are underway with SCORS helping to coordinate and relay input from the faculty to the Provost's Office. Maria Limacher, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, College of Medicine, presented to SCORS and the Welfare Council is also participating in team science discussions.

Issues/Ideas to improve council include:

The council encourages faculty to submit topics of interest to be explored by the council and would like as much faculty input as possible, particularly in the area of international research.

Council would like to explore the possibility of developing a central repository for ongoing research being conducted by individuals across multiple disciplines within UF to increase networking and collaboration. This would connect faculty by informing them of what other researchers are doing and would connect them to relevant research projects and collaboration. Thus, the plan is to review the deployment of the Collaborative Mission Tool created by Academics Analytics and sponsored by the Provost Office.

Future council plans include:

- Revisit faculty effort reporting issues in Enterprise and explore how to make the process easier to understand for all and more efficient.

Team-Science - Clarify the key issues surrounding P&T assessment and evaluating Team Science contributions from faculty.