2018-2019 SENATE COUNCIL ON RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP (SCORS) Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

3:30 p.m.

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Present: Plato Smith, Amir Sarayani, Sylvain Doré, Dimitri Bourilkov, Sobha Jaishankar, Judith Russell, Stephanie Gray, Hannah Norton, Laurie Bialosky and Czerne Reid.
Absent: Ikraumuddin Aukhil, Matthew Gurka, Cathy Lebo, Jamie Collins, Michael Mahoney, David Norton and Henry Frierson.

I. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at: 3:30 p.m.

II. **Approval of the Jan 15, 2019 Minutes**
The minutes were approved.

III.   **Chair's Report -** Sylvain Doré

a.   https://www.ctsi.ufl.edu/about/citing-the-ctsi/ was forwarded to SCORS by Melissa Rethlefsen, HSC Libraries Associate Dean and Fackler Director, and is a description/list of resources housed in various UF facilities.
b.   Collaborative Scholarship/P&T updates to Faculty Senate from Associate Provost for Academic & Faculty Affairs Chris Hass

-One update included in the P&T Guidelines 2019-2020: *The University recognizes that teams of investigators are responsible for many new discoveries, creative works and advancement of knowledge. Collaborative scholarship is highly valued. Authorship other than listed as first or senior author can be recognized as significant as long as a faculty member's unique contribution can be discerned. Therefore, the Chair/Director letter should address the candidate's significant contribution to distinctive collaborative scholarship.*
SCORS is interested in inviting Dr. Hass to present an update to the Faculty Senate.

IV.   **Revised Report on Outside Activities**

-Concerns about the burden of faculty filing disclosures and reporting outside activities were discussed and comments from Clifford M. Will, Distinguished Professor of Physics**,** were summarized. UF Regulation 1.011 was discussed and SCORS member Dimitri Bourilkov raised a number of specific issues concerning the reporting of outside activities.
-Some UF regulations are receiving increased attention in response to current events and congressional inquiries and oversight related to causes of potential bias and influence, particularly in the NIH space. University requirements, efforts at transparency, the need for adherence to national and outside agency regulations, and the roles these play in the daily

practice of faculty teaching and research activities were discussed. These concerns will be brought forward at the next Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting for redress/further administrative feedback.

V.   **[Data Management/Curation Working Group Task Force](#)**
      Dr. Plato Smith, Data Management Librarian

-The Data Management and Curation Working Group (DMCWG) works in collaboration with the Office of Research, Division of Sponsored Programs, UF Research Computing, UF Informatics Institute, and UF Funded projects to develop and strengthen campus stakeholders' communications and collaborations in positioning the UF Libraries as a partner in campus-wide data management initiatives and support.
-The DMCWG assists with the following support services:
   •   Development of data management plans
   •   Assistance with selection and deposit of data in repositories
   •   Identification of recommended data repositories
   •   Assistance with data preservation and long-term archiving
   •   Development of research data management policy and statements
   •   Compliance with funding agencies data management and sharing requirements
-Sharing this information at faculty orientation and possibly with the Faculty Senate in the fall would help communicate the training schedules and information. While individual departments may request training, unit library liaisons can assist faculty with inquiries.

VI.   **Use of the Institutional Repository (IR@UF) to Archive UF Grant Proposals**
      Judith Russell Dean, University Libraries

-An archival of grant proposals was inquired about at previous SCORS meeting. The ULC reviewed various repositories and clearinghouses that would be useful for faculty, and the one that the libraries can help address most quickly is the archiving of examples of grant proposals and templates. University libraries has a system for archiving library grant proposals which is available for campus-wide participation. Dean Russell provided more details and shared information about [The Institutional Repository at the University of Florida (IR@UF)](#). The Grants @ UF Digital Collection, which is located within the Institutional Repository @ UF, includes full grant proposals for reference and assists in the development of new proposals and provides online access and archival preservation in the University Libraries.
-A complete guide for the library grant program and other grant-writing resources are at: https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/funding.
-While it's an easy process for faculty to submit grants to the repository, SCORS discussed using various measures to restrict viewing once authors submit their grants to [IR@UF](#), including these three access options: 1) open to the public 2) open to UF faculty employees only (requiring a Gatorlink credentialed log-in) and 3) restricted access to a room assigned in given libraries. The access option would be selected by the Principal Investigator (PI).
-PI's willing to submit their entire grants and comments from reviewers and study sections could be invited to participate and could remove any grant portions of their choosing.

-More specific principles and guidelines can be established, including input from General Counsel.

-The Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) K-awards NIH career development award toolkit link: https://www.ctsi.ufl.edu/education/grant-workshops/k-college-toolkit/, which is managed by Dr. Wayne McCormack, was distributed.

-This could be useful in assisting with the on-boarding information for new faculty, and for post-docs and junior faculty. Discussion was also held in reference to the University Libraries tenure & promotion practice of inviting librarians to share their packets once they've completed the T&P process.

VII. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Updates

-University Libraries - Czerne Reid/Judith Russell

-The University of CA has discontinued negotiations with Elsevier and has decided to cancel its contract.

-Dean Russell distributed:

https://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/open-access-at-uc/publisher-negotiations/alternative-access-to-articles/ and

https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/uc-terminates-subscriptions-worlds-largest-scientific-publisher-push-open-access-publicly

-UF prepared an initial assessment and an Elsevier Titles Analysis was distributed. Primary drivers of this decision include both a financial assessment and an open access culture. Dean Russell will keep SCORS apprised on this development. (Note: Following this meeting, this article was shared by the SCORS Chair: https://www.the-scientist.com/news-opinion/as-elsevier-falters--wiley-succeeds-in-open-access-deal-making-65664.)

-Office of Research - Stephanie Gray

- UF is continuing data forwards to ExpertNet.

-While VIVO is still being used, it is minimally funded. Faculty must update data on their pages but many do not.

-To minimize PI effort and increase faculty expertise search efficiency, SCORS is interested in exploring if is there a way to maintain and consolidate such listings (Discovery Suites, VIVO, ExpertNet, etc.) into one central or primary faculty portal(s), with a focus on including as many faculty as possible to facilitate mentorship and research collaboration.

VIII. Other (Open Discussion)

- A task force, including the Director of Post-doctoral Affairs, Lily Lewis, and the SCORS Chair, has convened and is reviewing the benefits status of Post-doctoral Associates vs. Post-doctoral Fellows. An associate is an employee of UF but when a grant is received, this employee becomes a fellow, a category which excludes university health care benefits entitlement. The possibility of the Office of the Provost covering any cost differences is being explored.
-Associate Provost of Academic & Faculty Affairs, Chris Hass, is working on new faculty orientation and is trying to identify and establish a central location for relevant faculty and university information. Updates will be provided.
-Dean Russell will add the CHORUS https://www.chorusaccess.org/about/why/institutions/ topic to Melissa Rethlefsen's Rigor & Reproducibility discussion on the SCORS discussion on the SCORS April agenda.

IX. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.