

## RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

3:30 p.m.

via Zoom <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/96646788992>

**Present:** Hannah Norton, Czerne Reid, David Norton, Keith Rambo, Sylvain Doré, Michael Mahoney, Judy Russell, Laurie Bialosky, Ray Thomas, Stephanie Gray, Jamie Collins, Matthew Gurka, Duane Mitchell, and Ralf Remshardt.

- I. Call to Order – Hannah Norton, Research & Scholarship Council Chair**
  - The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.
  
- II. Approval of March 10, 2020 Minutes**
  - The minutes were approved.
  
- III. SCORS Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update**
  - Due to COVID-19:
    - The Provost announced an automatic pause in the faculty tenure clock.
    - UF has announced a pause in employment hiring, with few exemptions.
    - The Faculty Senate Chair election has been moved online and takes place this month.
    - The Faculty Senate has solicited faculty comments, via a [Senate home page](#) Qualtrics survey, to identify and respond to any potential or current items of concern.
    - UF has announced it is using a S/U grading system for Spring 2020 although students may opt to receive a letter/percentage grade.
  
- IV. Council Meeting Schedule - Addition of May 12, 2020 meeting**
  - Council members will receive a Zoom link from the Faculty Senate Secretary for an additional meeting scheduled for 3:30 on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
  
- V. New Business-COVID-19 Updates by the Office of Research & VP David Norton**
  - VP of Research, David Norton, updated council on the status of university research in the COVID-19 environment, including understanding the pandemic and how best to operate with attention to safety, innovation, and productivity.
  - Duane Mitchell, the new UF Assistant Vice President for Research and Director of the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute, shared pilot translational research award information and COVID-19 task force information. Over 30 applications have been received thus far for COVID-19-related research award.
  - The IRB, online Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) submissions system all are continuing a regular schedule in a remote fashion.
  
- VI. Old Business-Open Access Fund**
  - This is funded annually by the Provost’s Office through this year. The commitment from the Provost’s Office is for four years: 2017-2020; view the [Open Access Summary](#).
  
- VII. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Updates**
  - University Libraries – Judith Russell. University Libraries has been in discussion with Elsevier on a pilot proposal. Dean Russell shared details of a discount proposal for UF from Elsevier.

**VIII. Adjournment**

-The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.