

2019-2020 RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

3:30 p.m.

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Present: Hannah Norton, Laurie Bialosky, Sylvain Doré, Jamie Collins, Sobha Jaishankar, Keith Rambo, Czerne Reid, and Ralf Remshardt

I. Call to Order & Introductions

-The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

II. Approval of September 10, 2019 Minutes

-The minutes were approved.

III. SCORS Chair's Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update

-The [Research Policy Committee](#) met over the summer. The meeting was attended by past Research & Scholarship Council Chair Sylvain Doré, who provided a brief meeting summary. Items discussed included the status of recurrence funding for pediatrics and the university's continued investment in research infrastructure, including in small animal research facilities. Best practices for international research collaborations, particularly with China, and the need to identify primary decision makers involved in joint faculty appointments in other countries were also discussed.

-The Steering Committee has met twice since council has met and discussion has included the rise of UF to number seven among public universities in the U.S. News & World Report rankings; a forthcoming Board of Trustees (BOT) white paper relating to 'the UF experience' for students; and the opening of a Director of Campus Experience search.

-The Faculty Senate Chair also discussed the benefits of offering paid parental leave and has met with met with Dr. Stacy Ellis, the director of the Baby Gator Child Development and Research Center, regarding its facilities and opportunities to increase early childhood learning units in the College of Education.

- Civility was a topic often mentioned in the Rankin Consulting Faculty and Staff Climate Survey, and civility on campus remains a topic of discussion. As a result, the Welfare Council will explore coordinating a faculty civility code which could be similar to the one by which UF students must abide.

-The [Aid a Gator program](#) for students in financial distress was also mentioned and could be germane to helping post-docs, particularly if any delays exist in international postdocs or graduate students receiving their appointments and/or initial payments. Dr. Lily Lewis, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs & Academic Communications Director, will

address these items in council next month.

- VP of Strategic Communications and Marketing, Nancy Paton, and UF has issued an [official statement](#) regarding Accent's invitation to Donald Trump Jr. to appear on campus.

- Amy Bucciarelli, College of the Arts UF Creative Engagement Liaison, will present the [Creative Campus](#) grant application and program information at the next Faculty Senate meeting. Applications are open now and will be due in January.

- Teaching evaluations will be discussed in the Academic Policy Council and/or Welfare Council.

IV. SCORS Updates

- In November, Lily Lewis, PhD, Director, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs & Academic Communications will be a council guest.

- Welfare Council Chair Suzan Alteri will share information and updates from the Welfare Council on the topic of mentorship.

V. New Business

- The issue of locating and connecting more postdoctoral mentors with students was raised, particularly as it pertains to the inclusion of new faculty hires.

- Council will ask University Libraries Dean Judith Russell to provide more details regarding the Elsevier contract and UF's negotiations with them.

- The out of state tuition cost on grants going to market values over the next five years was briefly discussed. (See: [Sponsored Projects Tuition](http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Pages/Research-and-Scholarship-Council/AgendaMinutes2018-2019) at: <http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Pages/Research-and-Scholarship-Council/AgendaMinutes2018-2019>).

- There was an inquiry if incorporating a 50% student and 50% peer evaluations could be suggested to department chairs.

- GatorEvals was piloted with colleges over the summer, including the College of Arts. The new system allows for the creation of a specific pool of questions specifically relevant to a course. Individual faculty can select questions from a pool approved by the units. There is also an option to receive automated midterm evaluations for internal feedback. Another feature of the rollout is that the link would be in Canvas so that helps encourage participation.

- [The Teaching Center for Excellence](#) was also mentioned as being a helpful resource.

- An inquiry was raised about optimizing a research equipment list and this can be addressed with a follow up to council liaison Michael Mahoney.

VI. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Updates

University Libraries - Czerne Reid/Judith Russell

- University Libraries is revisiting the 2012 draft policy of open access to re-think ways to better explain and clarify the policy so that it optimally benefits faculty. Open access at UF screens for predatory publishers. The policy requires that your paper be

submitted to a publisher listed in the open access.

-Predatory journals was a recent topic of discussion in college tenure and promotion committees and a panel presentation was done this summer by University Libraries.

-Faculty should realize such journals are to be avoided when they submit P&T materials as it could profoundly negatively affect an individual's P&T process, particularly in the summary of review and impact factors portions of the P&T process. Placing reviewers in the difficult position of trying to determine if a CV is being padded or if a faculty member is truly unaware of utilizing a predatory journal or conference is to be avoided. These concerns are also balanced to avoid inadvertently discriminating against international or European-published journals.

-Predatory conferences are also an issue and can be difficult to track due to frequent conference name changes or due to predatory conferences using names similar to legitimate conferences; however, some are consistently and obviously predatory.

-A suggestion was made that University Libraries coordinate a predatory journals and conferences presentation for individuals who serve on P&T Committees.

-[Cabells](#) is a commercial entity which provides a whitelist and, with a subscription, a blacklist.

-[Ulrichsweb](#) is another resource for looking up information about journals, whether they are peer reviewed, and where they are indexed.

-The Research & Scholarship Council Chair will distribute a link to council members of a predatory publishing panel recording by University Libraries. *Forwarded on 10/24/19: "[Unpacking 'Predatory' Publishing & Selecting Publication Venues: A Best Practices Panel](#)"* was presented this summer and featured speakers from the libraries: Perry Collins, Melissa Rethlefsen, and Maggie Ansell – and was facilitated by Emilio Bruno, faculty in Wildlife Ecology.

-Perry Collins, Scholarly Communications Librarian is being invited to a Fall council meeting to further discuss the topic.

-Open access options are being reviewed with the Graduate School which could potentially assist with graduate student and post-doc funding. Once the policy is framed, an ambassador to communicate any new policy and obtain support from faculty will need to be identified.

-Open Access policy is separate from the Open Access fund, as the former is the mechanism that allows faculty to retain desired publication rights and university access to it. Council briefly discussed faculty copyright options.

VII. Adjournment

-The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.