

2019-2020 SENATE COUNCIL ON RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP (SCORS) Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

3:30 p.m.

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Present: Matthew Gurka, Hannah Norton, Czerne Reid, Keith Rambo, Jamie Collins, Ralf Remshardt and Laurie Bialosky.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Introductions

Members were introduced.

III. Approval of May 14, 2019 Minutes

The minutes were approved.

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

-Dr. Fuchs provided the Faculty Senate Steering Committee with a preview of the 2019 State of the University Address, which will focus on internationalization, and the challenges to national academic competitiveness posed by an overall national decrease in the number of international applications and students attending U.S. academic institutions. A resolution related to this issue was prepared by the Welfare Council and approved by Faculty Senate in May:

<http://fora.aa.ufl.edu/FacultySenate/Pages/Faculty-Senate/SenateResolutions>

President Fuchs will also discuss the university budget and priorities.

V. SCORS Topic Suggestions for 2019-20 Academic Year

-Past SCORS work was reviewed including its work in: recognizing the application of team science/collaboration in promotion and tenure, which was implemented in recent P&T policy; exploring access to various repositories via the University Libraries and University Libraries Committee (ULC) which assisted with providing examples of successful grant proposals to help with applications; locating research equipment sharing information; advocacy of the streamlining of research, IRB, and other mandatory university faculty training, including the IRB-required online training recently streamlined to wrap institutional and general training requirements together; providing Discovery Suites tool updates to help increase faculty research collaboration; providing clarity in effort reporting; supporting the University Libraries open access program; sharing [Academic Research Consulting & Services \(ARCS\) program](#) and the [Office of Research Working Group on Faculty Assistance for Extramural Funding](#) information.

SCORS topic suggestions and priorities for this academic year include (in random order):

- 1) Obtaining an update on the Academic Analytics Research Expertise and Discovery Suite (REDS) project/Discovery Suites tool from Dr. Cathy Lebo, Director of Institutional Planning and Research.
- 2) Melissa Rethlefsen, HSC Libraries Associate Dean and Fackler Director, led a rigor & reproducibility discussion with SCORS in the Spring. A Reproducible Research Symposium is being conducted in November via a grant initiative. The SCORS Chair will relay to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee that council supports Melissa presenting to the Faculty Senate any time after December.
- 3) Exploring the rapidly changing (primarily due to new technologies) avenues of scholarly publishing and intellectual property protections through centralized infrastructures and institutional support.
- 4) Obtaining an update on the university's pre-eminence hires and grant award statuses, with consideration to long term impacts to the university.
- 5) Development of graduate student and postdoc resources. The Postdoc Advisory Committee has been recently revived and institutional-wide graduate student development initiatives, such as the writing accountability challenge, have emerged.
- 6) Approaches to obtaining faculty opinions and priorities was considered. College level governance input would be useful. The Senate Chair may be a good resource to help solicit research topics of interest during his visits to each college faculty assembly/council. If helpful, the SCORS Chair can prepare a brief written statement.
- 7) Exploring a more formalized campus mentoring program and how SCORS can impact this topic, which has also been explored by the Welfare Council. Suggestions include:
 - Considering if UF can provide a small FTE for mentoring responsibilities which could ultimately help secure additional research dollars.
 - Inviting UF colleagues to share their mentoring expertise, including [Professor Roger Filligrim](#), and [others](#).
 - Inviting Welfare Council Chair Suzan Alteri to provide an update on items explored by her council, including the new <https://www.facultydiversity.org/> institutional membership offered by UF with assistance from new [Chief Diversity Officer Antonio Farias](#).
 - Identifying expectations of mentors and establishing a baseline, institutional structure for mentorship through written strategic goals.
- 8) Obtaining any updates or topic suggestions from the Office of Research.

VI. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Updates

University Libraries - Czerne Reid is chairing the University Libraries Committee (ULC) this Fall and they will meet this month and will revive discussion about open access policy including revised eligibility requirements.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.