

## RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, November 6, 2020 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Via Zoom:

<https://ufl.zoom.us/j/95776381881?pwd=RHE1MnNBSjA3ZEY3NFk0SVIOSXduUT09>

Present: Keith Rambo, Jason Byrd, Moon Lee, Amanda Phalin, Angelos Barmpoutis, Paul Duncan, Jonathan Orsini, Michael Mahoney, Hannah Norton, Ralf Remshardt, and Perry Collins.

### I. Call to Order –

- The meeting was called to order at 12:03 by Keith Rambo, Research and Scholarship Council Chair.

### II. Approval of October 2, 2020 Minutes

- The minutes were approved.

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

- Hub Brown was as announced as the new dean for the College of Journalism (effective July 1, 2021). Spiro Kiouisis will serve as Interim Dean from January-June 2020.
- There have been a variety of communications from UF administration on AI initiatives and progress.
- COVID-19 updates:
  - Testing capacity will be ramped up prior to face-to-face teaching in the Spring semester. Exact plans are not yet finalized
  - 200 tests/day will be available for students leaving for Thanksgiving.
  - N95 masks are available for everyone teaching face-to-face (5 per instructor). Another 50,000 masks are being ordered.
  - Classrooms are the safest place on campus, per the UF epidemiologist.
- Furlough policy information will be presented, with modifications, by Jodi Gentry at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
- Faculty Senate Chair Sylvain Dore is interested in having the Research & Scholarship /Council cover graduate student evaluations for promotion and tenure, VA collaborative initiatives, and reporting academic activities (in coordination with Wayne McCormack).

### IV. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Updates

#### Graduate School - Paul Duncan

- Negotiation with Graduate Assistants United is in the final stages for the 3-year main contract.

#### University Libraries - Angelos Barmpoutis

- The proposed Author Rights Policy (presented by Perry Collins later in this meeting) will also be rolled out through presentations to individual colleges.

#### Office of the Provost / Institutional Planning and Research – none

#### Office of Research - Michael Mahoney

- There have been a number of research non-compliance issues over the last 3-4 months (especially relating to animal research). All members of the lab need access to the protocol approved by IACUC or IRB, and following that protocol needs to be emphasized by PIs. Changes to the protocol can be submitted to IACUC or IRB.
- Clinical research has moved to more remote work. Remote informed consent can be discussed over Zoom currently. The CTSI is pursuing a licensing agreement with DocuSign to enable the FDA-compliant version (which could be used for informed consents).

## V. New Business

- **UF Author Rights Policy** (<https://digitalpartnerships.uflib.ufl.edu/uf-author-rights-policy>) - Perry Collins Scholarly Communications Librarian, George A. Smathers Libraries
  - This is coming from the University Libraries Committee, not the libraries themselves.
  - The idea is to help faculty legally share journal articles that they've authored and to have the same process for all UF faculty, while broadening the conversation on sharing scholarship.
  - It applies only to UF faculty authoring journal articles – not books or book chapters. Graduate students have expressed some interest, but that will need to be a separate conversation.
  - The policy does not require publishing in particular journals.
  - How it works – UF faculty grant a non-exclusive license to the university (not a transfer of copyrights), which will be held in reserve even if you sign an article copyright agreements.
  - Other institutions are already doing this, including several of our top 10 peers.
  - The policy would not apply retrospectively (for articles published before the policy goes into effect).
  - There is an opt out provision.
  - The policy doesn't include a requirement to deposit a copy of the article in the Institutional Repository or other institutional site, although some colleges/departments may implement this.
  - The Council was supportive overall and suggested presentation to Graduate Student Council as well.

## VI. Old Business

- Items brainstormed in previous meetings were discussed further:
  - Mentoring within the research enterprise
    - Keith will contact Wayne McCormack in CTSI to see what is already being done.
    - A Strategies for Success course in CALS helps prepare graduate students and postdocs for how tenure and promotion works, and raises their confidence.
  - Wholistic T&P evaluations of teaching effectiveness for women and other minorities -
    - Council may want to focus on research impacts.
    - Individuals to reach out to include Chris Hass, Kate Ratliff, and John Jordi, who are already working on bias in teaching evaluations (with Amanda Phalin).
    - Concerns were raised about P & T decisions being focused on number of publications more than impact and/or prestige. Council may ask Chris Hass how the Academic Personnel Board handles discipline-specific evaluations of research.

## VI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 12:50pm.