

2017-2018 SENATE COUNCIL ON RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP (SCORS) MINUTES
Tuesday, April 17, 2018; Marston Science Library L136

Attendees: Steven Madore, Jamie Collins, Sylvain Doré, Sobha Jaishankar, Dimitri Bourilkov, Tiffany Schmidt, Laurie Bialosky and Michael Mahoney.

SCORS Chair Jamie Collins called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The March 20, 2018 minutes were approved.

Effort Reporting - Tiffany Schmidt, Interim Director, Contracts & Grants

- The university & Office of Research track the commitments or promises made to sponsors. Attention is given to aligning the needs of both program sponsors and the university.
- Compliance is a primary focus of the Office of Research. Reports and documentation need to be available for any NIH audits. Cost share commitments *as a whole* is examined during sponsor audits.
- The entire period of commitment (not just by semesters) should be documented for all key personnel, PI's, and all who are critical to project completion.
- Financials, transparencies, and accountability are key elements in the effort certification process.
- The effort certification form is meant to provide a breakdown of how time is spent and while it is understood that there are variables, it attempts to capture the percentage of how each researcher's effort is spent.
- 70-80 percent of researchers manage their own personnel. Ultimately researchers are accounting for their time and using percentages instead of hours provides leeway to round and splice time allotments.
- Many sponsors allow an approximately 25% adjustment to anticipated commitments.
- The Office of Research will assist units and effort coordinators with strategies to accurately submit effort reports.
- The university anticipates a number of changes on the student side and will likely be tweaking the reporting system over the next few months.
- The council agreed that a broad overview of effort reporting would be helpful to increase faculty understanding and more accurate reporting. SCORS is interested in inviting a representative from the Provost's Office, Cathy Lebo from Institutional Planning and Research, and a representative from the Office of Research, possibly Stephanie Gray or Tiffany Schmidt, to Faculty Senate.

Recent efforts within the ICBR, upcoming initiatives and ongoing challenges - Steven Madore, Associate Director for Science, [Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research \(ICBR\)](#)

Steve Madore shared the ICBR's recent efforts; ongoing challenges; customer service surveys and branding efforts.

-ICBR is funded by the legislature as a research support organization and offers three tiers of services: UF, non-profit, and commercial entities.

-Science and technology services are accessible via their website.

-ICBR coordinates faculty recruit tours and assists in identifying opportunities for and the needs of faculty recruits.

-ICBR challenges have included:

- keeping up with the rapid pace of technology;
- big data: including archiving, moving, storing, & determining institutional policies
- piecing raw data back together

-ICBR outreach includes a newsletter mailing list, FB page, and presenting and talking to various groups on campus.

-New ICBR initiatives include:

- UFHCC (Cancer Center) investments
- NCI Cancer Center Support Grant; and
- CRISPR Technology Core

Other (TBD) - None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.