

Research and Scholarship Council (RSC)
Academic Year End Report 2020-2021

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This annual report summarizes major discussions and issues addressed by the RSC for the academic year 2020-2021. Details are available in the RSC minutes.

COVID-19 and TENURE CLOCK. With the limitations imposed by COVID and in general the RSC discussed and suggested modifications to the tenure clock advocating awareness of gender inequities and implementing tenure pause policies to avoid these issues.

WHOLISTIC T&P EVALUATIONS The council discussed wholistic teaching evaluations and helping faculty maintain their research productivity amongst possible systemic disadvantages for women. Council agreed that these items are topics of interest to this year's council, and it would explore items pertaining to the faculty experience in terms of research and scholarship.

AUTHOR RIGHTS POLICY. This policy 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. The Council was supportive overall and suggested presentation to Graduate Student Council as well.

ELECTRONIC LABORATORY NOTEBOOKS (ELN). University Libraries and research computing have been discussing ELN for several years and provided a recommendation in August following a survey which asked about which tools are being used. Discussion of ELN suggested the capabilities of each type could be identified and presented to the Office of Research for feedback and funding suggestions.

MENTORING IN THE RESEARCH ENTERPRISE. The Council discussed how to improve mentoring at UF and discussed Science PhD Competency-Based Assessment as presented by Dr. McCormack. It was suggested that this assessment model is applicable to a wide variety of sciences, including social sciences. Pursuit of and collaboration on an NSF or other grants may be sought.

REPRODUCIBLE RESEARCH. Dr. HaoYe facilitated a discussion of open, transparent, rigorous, and equitable pathways to research, research systems, and research reproducibility. A Faculty Senate presentation will likely occur in the Fall or 2021-2022

E-PORTFOLIO. Ryan Yang presented the E-portfolio product's uses, options, and research and course applications. These are used to evaluate student learning outcomes or competencies for a degree program, and the discussion concluded with a discussion of funding availability for this resource.

OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING. The RSC discussed of how to re-establish open access publishing. The provost funded this project in the past and a match-funding system is being suggested. This resource could be especially helpful now include that the pandemic may have slowed down research, especially as it pertains to obtaining original data, and undergraduate access to labs has been restricted.

THE GRADUATE STUDENT EXPERIENCE. An RSC collaborative document was produced by faculty from several of the colleges and graduate student organizations, titled: "The UF Graduate Student Experience: A Living Document ". This was presented at the May 2021 Senate meeting and is available at the link below.

https://fora.aa.ufl.edu/docs/74/2020-2021/Graduate%20Student%20Experience%20Draft_Rev1%2005-03.pdf

2021-22 CHAIR. Jason Byrd was elected as the RSC chair for 2021-22 at the May 2021 meeting.