

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Friday, April 2, 2021

Noon

Via Zoom: <https://ufl.zoom.us/j/94392656214?pwd=L3hMaklycmVrS3pJcnNRdThydk5qQT09>

Present: Keith Rambo, Hannah Norton, Angelos Barmpoutis, Jason Byrd, Jonathan Orsini, Ryan Yang, Hao Ye, Paul Duncan, and Sylvain Doré.

I. **Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m.

II. **Approval of March 5, 2020 Minutes**

- The minutes were approved.

III. **Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Updates**

University Libraries - Angelos Barmpoutis, ULC Chair

- The University Libraries Committee (ULC) will provide the Faculty Senate with an author's rights policy plan to be considered at the start of the new academic year. The UF United Faculty of Florida (UF-UFF) provided ULC with positive feedback regarding this policy. No objection or conflict was seen with this policy as it relates to the faculty environment or faculty rights.

Graduate School - Paul Duncan, Sr. Associate Dean

- Candidates are being interviewed for the new Dean of the Graduate School.
- The Graduate School is in the process of reviewing what, if any, pandemic policies will continue once university operations return to normal. No final decisions will be made until the Graduate School receives guidance and input at the university-level, but primary issues of consideration include reviewing the currently allotted flexibility for remote dissertation defenses, final exams, and other essential student activities.

IV. **Reproducible Research** – Hao Ye, Reproducibility Librarian

- Hao Ye joined the University Libraries last May as the Reproducibility Librarian, which promotes resources to provide open, transparent, rigorous, and equitable pathways to research, research systems, and research reproducibility.

- The presentation reviewed: examples of reproducibility, generalizability and replicability; replication discontinuities in publications and data sets and possible causes and solutions; available workshops, seminars, and courses for UF faculty and researchers; and future initiatives and plans for sharing additional resources with faculty.

- Council members also discussed best practices and tools for lab and research use.

- Dr. Ye would be pleased to, and council is interested in, sharing this information with Faculty Senate. A Faculty Senate presentation will likely occur in the Fall or 2021-2022 academic year, when there is available agenda space, and by which time more specific actionable items related to this topic can be identified.

V. **E-Portfolio** – Ryan Yang, Associate Director, UFIT Teaching and Learning Technology

- An overview of the portfolio types was provided.

- The E-learning Committee has been discussing the E-portfolio product's uses, options, and research and course applications. They have not recommended moving forward with this product, but pricing and options continue to change. There is currently no university-

wide license for this software.

- Examples were provided of: assessment portfolios, which are used to evaluate student learning outcomes or competencies for a degree program; course portfolios, which are used in a single course for students to connect concepts, reflect, provide feedback, and integrate experiences; integrative portfolios, which are developed by students across an entire major, minor, or program (not necessarily connected to outcomes); and professional/showcase portfolios, which are used to share skills, competencies, or experiences with professional colleagues or prospective employers.
- Other tools which may become available on the marketplace and an overall assessment of the vendor(s) were also discussed.

VI. Open Access Publishing Fund – Sylvain Doré, Faculty Senate Chair

- Chair Doré discussed how to re-establish open access publishing. The Provost funded this project in the past and a match-funding system is being suggested. Suggested funding options and channels include:
 - Divide the cost by four partners:
 - i. ---¼ by article authors/Principal Investigators/the Department. This could also potentially be sub-funded through the:
 - 1) Undergraduate Research Studies Office
 - 2) Graduate Studies Office
 - 3) Post-doctoral Association Office and
 - 4) Department
 - ii. --- ¼ by Dean’s Office (especially as some colleges more frequently utilize this resource)
 - iii. --- ¼ by Office of Research and/or UF Health (particularly if it is a case report, etc.) and/or when applicable, minority group funding.
 - iv. --- ¼ by Provost’s Office
 - Suggested funding request: Up to \$225,000 per year, which could also be a carry-over. Reasons why 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 most recent open access funds usage numbers have been shared by Smathers Librarian Perry Collins.
 - Approaching the deans, UF Health President and Sr. VP for Health Affairs David Nelson, and VP of Research David Norton for an up-front funding commitment may be a useful and efficient approach.

VII. New Business

- Election of 2021-2022 Research & Scholarship Council Chair

- Amanda Phalin has agreed to serve as council chair if she does not serve as the 2021-2022 Faculty Senate Chair-elect. There will be follow up on this item at next month’s council meeting.
- Jonathan Orsini will be added to next month’s agenda to discuss a Qualtrics Graduate Student Council survey sent to graduate students, Teaching Assistants, and Research Assistants.
- Chair Rambo will present graduate student experience information at the upcoming Faculty Senate Steering Committee meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.