

Research and Scholarship Council (RSC)
Academic Year End Report 2021-2022

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This annual report summarizes major discussions and issues addressed by the RSC for the academic year 2021-2022. Details are available in the RSC minutes.

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 of this policy, and it was forwarded to the Faculty Senate and approved.

ELECTRONIC LABORATORY NOTEBOOKS (ELN). University Libraries and research computing have been discussing ELN for several years. Discussions on ELN focused on number of current users and cost per user. After multiple discussions on the various possibilities of sources of funding for this effort, it was determined that RS&C could not locate a source of funding to support or subsidize ELN use across various campus units. As a result the ELN discussion was tabled until next fiscal year.

OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING. The RSC continued past discussions on the replenishment of the depleted open access publishing fund. In the past the Office of the Provost provided funding for this project. However, there is no current options for Provost funding during this fiscal year. Therefore, this topic was tabled until next fiscal year.

SUMMARY OF FACTS RELATED TO PATHOLGEN RESEARCH IMPROVEMENT, IRB / EH&S APPROVAL EFFICIENCIES AND IACUC SERVICES. The RSC was tasked by the Faculty Senate Chair to produce a summary document that encapsulates the various problems and issues faculty researchers have with processes involving IRB, EH&S, and IACUC services at UF. RSC meetings in October and November had aspects of these items on each agenda, and stakeholders were invited to present their concerns and inform the RSC of any issues and proposals for solutions. From these meetings, the requested summary document was produced, and forwarded to the Faculty Senate Chair for review and action determination.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS. During the March RSC meeting, the following items were introduced during the new business discussions:

Modify the monthly agenda to include “old business” and “new business” as well as “open discussion” time. Additionally, the following items were introduced as potential future business items with RSC:

- 1). Address issues with lack of functionality and completeness for UF Discovery Suite.
- 2). Reduce barriers for UF faculty to work with dual enrollment students at the High School level.
- 3). Create a “faculty data and information” exchange to better link on-campus and off campus (and remote) faculty.
- 4). Improve research support funding for graduate departments.
- 5). Develop a strategy to increase graduate research support for international students.
- 6). Address the lack of incentives and promotion potentials for PhDs in clinical appointments within UF Health Sciences.

2022-23 CHAIR. The nomination and election for RSC chair for 2022-2023 was announced at the March RSC meeting. At this time, no nominations have been made. Nominations from the floor will be open at the next RSC meeting and the election will be held at that time.