

## RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

1:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 981 2324 8509 Passcode: 145931 Dial: 301-715-8592

**Present:** Angela Bacsik, Nian Wang, Michael Fang, Sobha Jaishankar, Jonathan Edelman, Paul Wassel, Sylvain Doré, and Laurie Bialosky.

- I. **Call to Order** – Angela Bacsik, Acting Research & Scholarship Council Chair
  - The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Acting Research & Scholarship Council Chair Angela Bacsik.
  
- II. **Approval of [March 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)**
  - The minutes were approved as amended to add a timestamp to the [Efficiencies Draft Report](#) hyperlink and under ‘Other Inquiries’, to add ‘and faculty retention/exit survey updates’ to ‘[COACHE](#) survey updates’.
  
- III. **Council Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update**
  - The [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\) Scientific Data Sharing Website](#)
  - Beginning in January 2023, the NIH will require grant applicants to include a plan for data management in grant applications. A NIH website launched this month provides guidance on which research is affected and which sharing policies apply to a research project. The NIH Data Management & Sharing (DMS) Policy is reviewed on the website and explains researcher requirements and parameters for scientific data preservation and sharing. Additional and UF-specific inquiries about these requirements can be addressed by the UF Office of Research.
  - Council discussed the website’s health research funding rules and potential barriers to international researchers. Council requests that UF provide more guidance on the above in relation to open data sets for critiques and analysis, particularly on direct impacts on patient care decisions. Council also discussed the goals of science and its connection to proprietary demands and that of open data and findings. Laws and requirements addressing what researchers can and cannot do in the interest of advancing open knowledge and societal benefits through research were discussed.
  
- IV. **New Business**
  - a. **Election of 2022 – 2023 Research & Scholarship Council Chair**
    - Angela Bacsik was elected and agreed to serve as Chair for the September meeting

and potentially the remaining academic year. *Election timeline reference: [Faculty Senate Bylaw 20 \(5\)\(a\)](#): (5) Committee Chairperson (a) Unless otherwise provided, each Senate committee shall annually elect its own chairperson at the end of the academic year.*

**b. [AI Catalyst Fund](#)** - Sobha Jaishankar, UF Office of Research, Research Development

- 133 proposals were received for the 2020 competition and 20 were funded at \$50,000 each. Another 75 applicants received access to HiPerGator, UF's supercomputer.

- Many awardees have been presenting in the [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Catalyst Fund seminar series](#).

- A symposium was held on April 7, 14, and 21 and one in May. Each focused on different thematic areas. Please encourage colleagues to sign up for and participate in these events.

- UF submitted two preliminary proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF). The second proposal is under consideration and is due in the mid-May.

- Faculty communications of institutional level efforts were discussed. Please forward to Assistant VP Jaishankar the names of any colleagues who are interested in contributing to this science, the proposals, or the competitions, and she will share them with the PI's. Additional contacts include: Associate Provost David Reed, who coordinates extensive outreach; Associate Deans for Research (ADRs) in the colleges; and Dr. George Michailidis, founding Director for the UF Informatics Institute.

## **V. Old Business**

### **a. Council items to consider in Fall**

- Updates from Assistant Provost and Director of Institutional Planning and Research Cathy Lebo regarding: the COACHE survey distribution timeline and how to include UF faculty-generated questions, particularly with questions relevant to faculty researchers; and HR updates of faculty exit survey information and best practices to increase faculty retention.

- Council discussed the timeline and status of the post-tenure review bill passed by the Florida legislature. An overview of the primary elements and effects of the bill by Faculty Senate leadership and administration in the coming weeks would be helpful to faculty.

- Past Faculty Senate Chair Sylvain Doré expressed interest in a follow-up on a UF shared equipment list coordinated by the Research Operation & Services Office.

## **VI. Open Floor / Discussion**

- A faculty inquiry was made related to the funding of site licenses and UF availability of BioRender software. It was clarified that [campus-wide software licenses](#) are vetted and established by UF IT which discusses and establishes pricing, anticipated functionality and distribution, etc. with vendors.

- Obtaining broader accessibility for faculty to Adobe and providing information about

how to obtain [GatorCloud](#) and its collaboration services suite was discussed.

- A motion to request institutional access to Adobe Acrobat for all UF faculty carried.

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

- No reports were provided.

**VIII. Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.