

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

1:00 p.m.

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

Present: Jason Byrd, Cathy Lebo, Angela Bacsik, Nian Wang, Michael Fang, Sylvain Doré, and Laurie Bialosky.

- I. **Call to Order** – Jason Byrd, Research & Scholarship Council Chair
 - The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Research & Scholarship Council Chair Jason Byrd.

- II. **Approval of January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.

- III. **Council Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update**
 - At the March Faculty Senate meeting, Cassandra Farley, Director of Research Integrity, Security & Compliance (RISC) will present ‘International Engagement and Researcher Screening’.
 - A summary document of facts related to Pathogen Research Improvement, IRB / EH&S Approval Efficiencies, and IACUC Services is being prepared and was shared with the Office of Research for comment. The draft is also being forwarded to Drs. Karst, Golde and Cooke for their input and once those comments are received, council will provide comments. Determining if a resolution should be considered and/or if specific recommendations can be made is being discussed.

- IV. **Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Updates**

Office of the Provost / Institutional Planning and Research (IPR) - Cathy J. Lebo

 - Dr. Lebo presented preliminary information on the distribution of National Science Foundation (NSF) funds to state universities. UF receives approximately 50% of the funds that go to the largest NSF recipient in FL (FSU). Organizing faculty trainings to increase NSF funding and NSF grants and programs application knowledge were discussed.
 - With a primary goal of continued improvement over time, independent rankings and use of comparable internal and metrics-related data has been reviewed in some of the Health Science Center units, such as the dental school.

- A state-wide Board of Governors (BOG) task force is connecting with State University System (SUS) Presidents and others to help increase the alignment between work force and academics/academic training. Task force focus items include: where students are employed; how to best connect graduates to jobs; identifying needed job/filled expertise; increasing state-wide job and internship opportunities; and identifying relevant research opportunities for students, including in creative fields, and particularly in understanding the applied experiences students have. More details are viewable at: <https://www.flbog.edu/myfloridafuture/>.

- Following inquiries, Dr. Lebo also clarified: work being performed in conjunction with Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) Marsha McGriff to help UF address equity studies, such as gender salary comparisons on a regular basis, and compliance issues; it is anticipated that [COACHE](#) will be done next year for UF faculty and COACHE staff collaboration with the Office of Institutional Planning and Research (IRP) continues; and promotion of the UF Discovery Suite and UF Faculty Insights to identify UF faculty research expertise: <https://ir.aa.ufl.edu/data-applications/faculty-research-exp/>. Dr. Lebo provided follow-up clarification that the expert site that VP Paton and the Strategic Communications and Marketing (SCM) Office is providing is aimed at journalists and the media. Their site is about identifying faculty who will be available to talk to journalists or speak at conferences: <https://experts.ufl.edu/>; IPR is coordinating with VP Paton's office on language to help people understand the different types of Expert sites that are being provided and to promote the tools. There are at least three different types – collaboration tools (Discovery Suite), communication tools (SCM Expert site), and connection tools (like Orcid, Vivo, Research Gate).

Other:

- A new VP of HR search has not yet been announced.

- Meeting details for the next Budget Council meeting (March 11 at 2:30 in 239 Tigert) was screen-shared so that interested Senate council and committee members and faculty may attend to participate in discussions related to possible forthcoming Senate compensation and benefits-related resolutions. The Compensation & Equity Committee is also discussing related potential Senate resolutions.

- Council also discussed: establishing a strong communications avenue to new UF Scripps faculty; reducing barriers for UF faculty working with high school (dual enrollment students), which is typically under the purview of Associate Provost for Teaching and Technology Andy McCullough; increasing research support between large and small departments to increase equity; and increasing institutional support levels between departments, particularly for PhD's working in clinical departments.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.