

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

1 p.m.

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

Present: Jason Byrd, Paul Duncan, Angela Bacsik, Michael Fang, Josepha Cheong, Sylvain Doré, Paul Wassel, 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 February 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.

- III. **Council Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update**
 - The Provost released a memo detailing AI support for data science instruction. For the period 2022-2025, UF will provide \$1,000 for articles on AI and Data Science instruction, curriculum and pedagogy that are published in refereed journals. Please contact David Reed at dlreed@ufl.edu with inquiries.

- IV. **Research & Scholarship Council [Efficiencies Draft Report](#)**
 - Council Chair Byrd has touched base with all report contributors and fact-finding has been implemented.
 - Discussion points included: The IACUC working group should be promoted to faculty to increase its functionality and faculty communications; the lack of UF space compared to peer institutions; establishing actionable items in each area of responsibility; and a study of peer comparisons may be helpful to identify a benchmark and space distribution may be a metric/consideration.
 - Council discussed an external review committee. For UF to remain accredited, its accreditation process requires an external review. Accreditation considerations run the gamut from if the law is being followed to identifying if an institution has what is needed to maintain excellence.
 - The approved report will be forwarded to Faculty Senate Chair David Bloom.

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

Graduate School - Paul Duncan

- Dr. Duncan discussed Graduate School milestones and the individual development plans for PhD students. Committee chairs, graduate coordinators, and students can all view milestones. Individual Development Plans (IDP's) are viewable and students are provided one year to update their IDP.

- UF has joined [Aurora](#), and offers complimentary access to this independent organization which provides benefits to PhD and postdoctoral students. This new tool for graduate students, Aurora by Beyond the Professoriate, provides cross-discipline career supports and engagement. There is an annual institutional fee to join. Dr. Duncan discussed how the site is managed and how it can be accessed by students via a Gatorlink access link. UF IT has assisted the Graduate School in determining how to best functionally join the consortium.

- Following inquiries, it was clarified that Talline Martins is the Director of Graduate Professional Development and is the school's contact for professional development topics and also that Board of Trustees/BOT sub-committee communications continue with Graduate School Dean Nicole Stedman regarding mental health resources.

University Libraries - Josepha Cheong

- The Faculty Author rights policy was published in this morning's newsletter email.

- The ULC will hold its last meeting of the AY next month.

- A number of UF librarians will present their work related to predator publishing at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) 2022 annual meeting being held in May in New Orleans.

- Dr. Cheong discussed ULC areas of focus this past academic year, including moving through the pandemic; finalizing the Author Rights Policy; the University Libraries' community engagement with the colleges and serving faculty needs, including providing research resources; staff hirings and their increased expertise and training; and the work conducted by ULC with its administrative liaisons and staff, including the need to deal with fluid masking requirements and enforcement.

- Inquiries regarding [ARCS](#) were answered and it was noted that independent researchers, faculty and graduate students are encouraged to reach out directly to the University Libraries [Subject Area Specialists](#).

Other / Other Inquires:

- Council discussed that upcoming agendas could include, in addition to the Chair's Report, 'Old Business' for ongoing or follow-up items established by the Council Chair for that meeting, and 'Open Floor/Open Discussion' for any new items council members would like to bring forward.

- Items for possible council consideration in September 2022 were reviewed:

- Contacting the UF Postdoctoral Association (UFPDA) Executive board to increase shared governance communications; addressing issues with lack of functionality and completeness for UF Discovery Suite; [COACHE](#) and faculty retention/exit survey updates; reducing barriers for UF faculty to work with dual enrollment students at the

high school level; creating a “faculty data and information” exchange to better link on-campus and off campus (and remote) faculty; improving research support funding for graduate departments; developing a strategy to increase graduate research support for international students; reviewing incentives and promotion potentials for PhDs in clinical appointments within the UF Health Science Center; ascertaining if any funding exists for an Open Access fund or Electronic Lab Notebooks, as none is currently available or prioritized; strengthening faculty retention and postdoctoral and graduate student recruitment, including addressing concerns pertaining to changing Visa requirements for foreign students.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.