

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

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Present: Jason Byrd, Perry Collins, Todd Golde, Ekaterina Lobanova, Amanda Phalin, Benoit Giasson, Stephanie Karst, Josepha Cheong, Angela Bacsik, Erica Gonzaga, Shailendra Singh, Paul Duncan, Laurie Bialosky, Michael Fang, Michael Mahoney, Sylvain Doré, and Irene Cooke.

I. Call to Order – Jason Byrd, Research & Scholarship Council Chair

- The meeting was called to order by Jason Byrd, Research & Scholarship Council Chair at 3:32 p.m.

II. Council Chair's Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update

- A funding pathway for open access fund and Electronic Notebooks have not materialized and will be taken up again with the Provost's Office.

III. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Updates

University Libraries - Josepha Cheong/Judith Russell

[Update on Faculty Author Rights Policy](#)

- A motion to approve the policy carried. This will move forward to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and Faculty Senate. The opt-out mechanism was discussed in the Academic Policy Council meeting, and it was clarified that it is not an issue to do so. The required information needed to opt out was also clarified.

Graduate School - Paul Duncan

A. Graduate mentoring award

- An inquiry was addressed about the [graduate mentoring award](#) and the eligibility criteria possibly being disadvantageous to small units. The award has existed for about a decade and aims to capture high quality, successful mentoring over a period of time. Dr. Duncan is reviewing data to determine if the number of awardees and nominees reflects the concern raised and if it is a problematic pattern warranting award criteria change.

B. Thesis/Dissertation by articles submission format

- PhD candidate produced articles were discussed. The Graduate school has facilitated such work for a very long time. The Graduate School editorial office facilitates this work and has shared guidelines to help ensure that the body of work submitted is the student's own individual contribution to knowledge. The contribution of mentors and multiple authors to a student's original contribution were discussed. The Graduate School Editorial Office has guidelines for the Articles as Part of Thesis or Dissertation in the [Guide for Preparing Theses and Dissertations](http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/media/graduate-school/pdf-files/Guide-for-ETDs-2021.pdf) (<http://graduateschool.ufl.edu/media/graduate-school/pdf-files/Guide-for-ETDs-2021.pdf>) and this model is discussed on Pages 24-26 of this document. Please reach out to Dr. Duncan with specific inquiries regarding the Graduate School guides to thesis.

IV. IACUC Approval Efficiencies – Todd E. Golde, M.D., Ph.D.

- Dr. Golde discussed the difficulties and issues with compliance procedures, including overly burdensome processes and inconsistent review findings which hinder contributions to increasing animal and human safety. A review of external and peer university benchmarking is suggested.

VI. [ACS Cores and Specialized Services](#) – Irene Cooke, DVM, Ph.D.

- Dr. Cooke discussed her role in facilitating research and the need for an increased investment of resources. Gaps in ACS Cores and Specialized Services were discussed. Metrics and resource distribution, including personnel, equipment, and space is needed and was discussed. A blended group of reviewers within UF would be helpful and an external evaluation would also help provide data on peer institutions' resource availability.

- Council pledged faculty participation in reaching these goals and voiced support in establishing a road map to bring forward to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

VII. [Infectious Disease Research Barriers](#) / [EH&S Approval Efficiencies](#) – Stephanie Karst, Ph.D.

- Dr. Karst discussed inefficiencies in Biosafety Committee (EH&S) approvals, especially as it relates to BSL-3 agents such as SARS-CoV-2 and influenza for animal studies. She and other researchers have faced extended (9-12 months) wait times to gain access to BSL-3 animal space. An executive [summary](#) for council review and input was shared as well as a summary of [Infectious Disease Research Barriers](#).

- Council discussed the need for a revised strategic plan for animal use.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.