

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL Minutes

Friday, April 7, 2023

2:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 955 5078 5975 Passcode: 896537

Present: Angela Bacsik, Tom Kelleher, Michael Mahoney, David Norton

On Zoom: Yousong Ding, David Bloom, Norman Beatty, Sylvain Dore; Stephanie Gray; Judith Russell; Jasleen Kaur; and Ashley Ghiaseddin.

- I. **Call to Order – Angela Bacsik**, Chair, Research & Scholarship Council
 - Research & Scholarship Council Chair Angela Bacsik called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

- II. **Approval of March 3, 2023 Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.

- III. **Council Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update / Potential Impacts on Research and Research Funding – Response to [Deans’ Letter](#)**

Dr. Bacsik: the letter to Deans was sent out; one response was received; including a list of potential funding agencies to be influenced; lobbyists are working on how to reduce potential damages; waiting for which languages/changes will occur in the final version; this council is still collecting information.

Faculty Senate Steering Committee: President is considering increasing graduate student tuition; Dr. Bacsik attended the meeting with the Research Policy Committee (the first time meeting since COVID): informative meeting, discussions on how to support research (particularly BSL4 facilities), e.g., bonds (new to UF but have been practiced in other universities) and cost recovery.

- IV. **Election of 2023-4 Research & Scholarship Council Chair**

The chair of this council will report to and be a voting member of both the Steering Committee and the Research Policy Committee (a joint committee chaired by VP Norton); Dr. Bacsik will be happy to support the Chair elected. Dr. Ashley Ghiaseddin was elected as the new chair.

- V. **Revised Resolution – David C. Bloom**, Past Faculty Senate Chair
 - **Tabled May 2022 Senate [Resolution for Development of a Strategic Plan for Animal and Human Subject Research Resources](#) – and the new version [Revised Resolution](#)**

The revised resolution was presented and read by Dr. Bacsik; Past Faculty Senate Chair Dr. David Bloom shared more information about his conversations with Dr. Norton and suggested waiting for a longer time to see the extent to which new changes are effective; Office of Research already committed to supporting the hire of additional staff in EHS, which helped address the issues related to BSL2 project approval; faculty member Dr. Dore attended this council's meeting and suggested multiple clarifications and changes be made, including sharing the resolution now at the Faculty Senate meeting, the timeline, a new structure instead of the addition of new staff, and the links to previous reports (*previously posted*); questions on why EHS reports to the UFPD and it was related to a historic reason (the use of a nuclear reactor on campus since 1970s); Dr. Norton further indicated that EHS works on a significantly larger range of issues in addition to IRB and IACUC.

The committee approved removing the old resolution while further updating the new resolution for the next meeting; keeping the revised version on the table for the next academic year. The pending resolution will likely be discussed in Fall to see the impacts of new changes. Dr. Norton will present all changes done by the Office of Research in the Faculty Senate Meeting, likely in Fall.

VI. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Introductions/Updates

University Libraries - Josepha Cheong/Judith Russell

- A faculty member requested information on available eNotebook training.
- Dr. Russell reported the availability of two new resources (Dimensions and Altmetrics) available at UF through the partnership with the Office of Research; working with the curriculum committee to include information on proper library liaisons in syllabi; training teaching assistants about information/resources available in the library; hiring public service faculty and staff to better serve the university; will receive gifts likely to be announced in May; Library West was open, although there are still multiple challenges (furniture loss, etc.); there were discussions on funding use.

Office of Research - Michael Mahoney/David Norton

- Michael Mahoney informed us that Ira is stepping down after many years of work on IRB review. Dr. Norton has chosen a successor as Chair as well as 2 Vice-Chairs for 3 year terms.
- Since the update of the IRB website, there has been an 83% increase in IRB protocols, particularly in exempt protocols being submitted. Now both post-docs and graduate students can be PIs.
- The meet & greet with College of Medicine faculty went well. Nominees for IACUC were recruited (11 candidates) with 6 appointed this year with an onboard date of July 1 and 6-7 more new members onboarding next year. Terms are 3 years and committee mentoring is planned. Time demands are also being recognized as .1 service for membership, .2 service for Vice-Chairs, and .6 service for the Chair.

Graduate School – Tom Kelleher

- The graduate school is working on a process for submitting proposals for the creation

of online PhD programs.

- They are also planning programs to help students prepare to apply for opportunities such as NSF fellowships and Fulbrights.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Research & Scholarship Council member Yousong Ding and Chair Angela Bacsik.