

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL Minutes

Friday, December 2, 2022 / 2:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 955 5078 5975 **Passcode:** 896537 **Dial in:** +1 646 558 8656

Present:

In Person: Angela Bacsik, Yousong Ding, David C. Bloom, Laurie Bialosky, Michael Mahoney, David Nelson, Stephanie Gray

On Zoom: Cuong Nguyen, Bikash Sahay, Daniel Brown, Carlos Romero, Jasleen Kaur, Tom Kelleher, and Julie Moore

- I. **Call to Order – Angela Bacsik**, Chair, Research & Scholarship Council
Research & Scholarship Council Chair Angela Bacsik called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

- II. **Approval of October 14, 2022 Minutes**
- The minutes were approved.

- III. **Council Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update**
(1). Chair Bacsik reported that a resolution on post-tenure review will be discussed at the Faculty Senate Meeting on Dec 6, 2022.

(2). Chair Bacsik shared the information ([Research Tools Announcement](#)) on the Office of Research’s earlier follow-up efforts.

- Reminder: Please nominate yourself or a faculty colleague(s) for committees/councils/boards by January 31. All faculty received an email w. the nomination form & details @ <https://senate.ufl.edu/committees--councils/>.

- IV. **IACUC (IPIWG) and (HSRIWG) Reports – Michael Mahoney**, Director, Research Operation & Services
 - *References:*
 - ✓ [Memo Summary for Final Report of IACUC Process Improvement Working Group \(IPIWG\)](#)
 - ✓ [Final Report of IACUC Process Improvement Working Group \(IPIWG\)](#)
 - ✓ [Memo Summary for Final Report of Human Subject Research Improvement](#)

- [Working Group \(HSRIWG\)](#)
- ✓ [HSRIWG Final Report w. Appendices](#)

Michael Mahoney from the Office of Research gave a presentation on this topic, with an initial introduction from Dr. David Norton.

Key points: In Feb, 2022, Dr. David Norton convened a Human Subject Research Improvement Working Group and an IACUC Process Improvement Working Group in response to concerns raised by faculty and senior administrators regarding the efficiency and culture of conducting human and animal research at the University of Florida. Final report of each working group was available on Nov 30.

(1). Six major concerns were identified by the Animal Research WorkingGroup: IACUC committee; OnBoarding; goIACUC; Process (burden, consistency, speed); Staffing; and Communication and Culture. In addition, the Working Group recommended the involvement of external consultants.

The Office of Research has responded to each of these concerns with actions as detailed in the final report. Council members (Cuong Nguyen and Bikash Sahay) also raised questions on the increasing availability of animal facilities, proposal pre-review, and revision of denied proposals. Dr. David Norton responded all questions.

(2). Human Research Working Group presented eight enterprise-level major findings: Center Office to Oversee Human Research; Single Point of Entry Software; Define Goals and Accountability; UF Health/ Shands Research Infrastructure; Education/Training Curriculum; College Level Support; Prioritize Research; and Access to Clinical Data. In addition, there were four Unit-level findings: IRB; OCR; IT security; and Research Billing Office. The Office of Research has responded to each of these findings with actions as detailed in the final report. However, it was brought up that many findings by the Human Research Working Group are not directly regulated by the Office of Research, while the Office of Research is still trying to address them by working with other units on campus.

Chair Bacsik and council members appreciated all efforts by the Office of Research.

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

- *References:*
 - ✓ [Research & Scholarship Council Efficiencies Report 04.20](#)

Will discuss this in Jan meeting

VI. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Introductions/Updates

University Libraries - Josepha Cheong/Judith Russell

None.

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

None.

Office of Research - David Norton/Stephanie Gray/Michael Mahoney

Discussed as item IV.

Graduate School – Tom Kelleher

Dr. Tom Kelleher reported two items.

1. Online PHD proposal: started discussions on it; likely will engage associate deans for research; planned a meeting in Jan/Feb, 2023; it might be possible to try some programs sometime in next Fall semester;
2. Graduate coordinators meeting including associate deans for research/education, chairs, and students. It will be from 9 to 11 am, Jan 25, 2023 in Reitz Union, ballroom. An announcement will be available.

VII. Adjournments

- The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Research & Scholarship Council member Yousong Ding.