

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL Minutes

Friday, January 6, 2023 / 2:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 955 5078 5975 Passcode: 896537

Present:

In Person: Angela Bacsik, Michael Mahoney

On Zoom: Judy Traveis, Yousong Ding, Amelia Dempere, Norman Beatty, Judy Russell; 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 December 2, 2022 Minutes**
 - The minutes were approved.

- III. **Council Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update**
 - *References:*
 - ✓ [Research Tools Announcement](#)
 - Library flooding (detailed below); recent demand for information regarding programs and initiatives related to DEI and CRT resources from the Office of the Governor; comments from the UF Faculty Senate Chair (Amanda J. Phalin) were shared. Chair Bacsik and Michael Mahoney shared the current status of Research Tools and their uses; version 2.0 will be available soon to include more information (e.g., grant support, etc.); training on these tools will also soon be moved to mytraining, which will then be required every three years.

- 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) Required reviews for human protocols are assigned to other units than the Office of Research, and the approval webtools will point researchers to the types of review relevant for their proposals. The new dashboard will include the status of each submitted project and a new website for the Office of Research will provide updates on ongoing improvements to the approval processes for human subject and animal study research projects, aiming to improve transparency, provide metrics, and facilitate effective communication among different units.

Ashley Ghiaseddin asked if Michael Mahoney or others can come to CoM to share updates and development; the Office of Research welcomes all constructive suggestions and comments from investigators and will follow up on attending a CoM Research Task Force chaired by Martin Rosenthal.

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](#)

Dr. Bloom is collecting more information and will revise it later; will be discussed in the next meeting or so. Dr. Bacsik suggests focusing on the need for a strategic plan as the call for outside review is in the process of being addressed.

VI. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Introductions/Updates

University Libraries – Dean Judith Russell

The Libraries experienced significant flooding in Library West over the break. An estimated 65 to 70,000 gallons of water spilled out from the chiller room on the west side of the original building. The area around that room on the third floor was completely saturated with water, which then flowed down into the second and first floors. This caused significant damage to the materials, furniture, equipment, and the building itself. A fairly large number of books (about 6, 000) are beyond saving. Every book that had to be discarded was scanned and ongoing assessment will decide if these damaged books will be replaced. It will take a substantial amount of time (4 to 6 weeks) and resources to fix the damage. Some prioritized areas are to be repaired first so the library can open on Jan 9, but other areas will be blocked off where construction is ongoing. UF is self-insured, and the repairs will be a significant expense. Library staff are to be commended for quick and effective response over the break and for their ongoing work evaluating text replacement priorities. Faculty with concerns about access to research materials affected by the flooding should get in touch with library staff.

Office of the Provost / Institutional Planning and Research - Cathy J. Lebo
No update.

Office of Research - David Norton/Stephanie Gray/Michael Mahoney
See above from Michael Mahoney

Graduate School – Tom Kelleher

(Judy Traveis) A future online PhD program will seek approval at the graduate council level; the graduate coordinator meeting will discuss graduate education on Jan 25 and feature a presentation from Leonard Casuto (co-author of *The New PhD*) on the future of graduate education: invitations were sent to associate deans before the break. This meeting series was stopped previously due to the pandemic. After this kickoff meeting on Jan 25, monthly meetings will follow up on these discussions.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Research & Scholarship Council member Yousong Ding.