

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL Minutes

Friday, March 3, 2023 / 2:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 955 5078 5975 Passcode: 896537

Present: Angela Bacsik,

On Zoom: Yousong Ding, Emily McElroy, Amelia Dempere, Jasleen Kaur

- I. **Call to Order – Angela Bacsik**, Chair, Research & Scholarship Council
 - Research & Scholarship Council Chair Angela Bacsik called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

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

- III. **Council Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update / Potential Impacts on Research and Research Funding**

Updates from Faculty Senate Steering Committee by Chair Bacsik: The recent meeting was on Zoom; UF President didn’t attend the meeting due to travel; a draft letter from Chair Bacsik was shared with the Council; the letter was intended to seek comments and feedback from Associate Deans for Research on the potential effects of two Bills HB999 and S266 on research funding at UF, both funded and new grants; good discussions on the letter resulted in addition of a few phrases and final letter is [attached](#); Emily McElroy suggested to share this letter on next Associate Dean meeting and also look at the list of all funding agencies that value DEI as a critical component of sponsored projects; Yousong Ding suggested to seek comments from DSP as well; the Council approved that Chair Bacsik revises the letter and sends it to Associate Deans for Research. Of note, comments on education, student wellness and faculty wellness and other aspects affected by these two Bills may be covered in other committees but this committee’s focus is on the impact on research funding for UF’s research mission.

- IV. **Update on Recent Progress – 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](#)**

Dr. Bloom is not available due to travel. In his letter to Chair Bacsik, he indicated that he received feedback. Much praise as well on recent actions from Dr. Norton’s office. Significant complaints on IACUC are still there (too long time for approval; not familiar with new tools; complaints on long waiting time for BSL3 facilities; etc.). A formal report will be provided later.

V. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Introductions/Updates

University Libraries - Josepha Cheong/Judith Russell

Emily McElroy: library west will be open next Monday; still waiting for funds to purchase materials; assessment has been done; it remains unclear if any materials are not replaceable and how many; it is unclear if insurance will cover all costs or any portion.

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

Not available

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

Not available

Graduate School – Tom Kelleher

Not available

○ **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm.

Minutes submitted by Research & Scholarship Council member Yousong Ding.