

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 25, 2023 / 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

264 Grinter & via Zoom

Attendance: Ashley Ghiaseddin, Angela Bacsik, Sara Falzarano, Laurie Bialosky, Ifigeneia Giannadaki, Vandana Baweja, Czerne Reid, Tom Kelleher, Meri Hambaryan, Judith Russell and Michael Mahoney.

- I. **Call to Order – Ashley Ghiaseddin**, Chair, Research & Scholarship Council
Meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm.
- II. **Approval of April 7, 2023 Minutes**
Minutes were approved as amended to correct information from Dr. Kelleher’s report from the graduate school. The final line in that report should have read “They are also planning programs to help students prepare to apply for opportunities such as NSF fellowships and Fulbrights.”
- III. **Research & Scholarship Council Mission & Overview**
This council's area encompasses University policies and procedures relating to research and scholarship, including university-wide research and scholarship initiatives and strategies; research grants and contracts; research infrastructure; and other matters relating to funding or producing scholarship.
- IV. **Council Chair’s Report / Faculty Senate Steering Committee Update**
 - **Volunteer 2023-4 Research & Scholarship Council Minute-taker Needed**
Dr. Bacsik agreed to take minutes of this meeting. Council Chair Dr. Ghiaseddin welcomed everyone and introductions were made for new members of the council. Ongoing interests of this council were reviewed for new members. The Observational Medical Outcomes Partnership which was presented to the council last year may be presented to faculty senate this year. Last spring Dr. Norton was also asked to present information to faculty senate on all of the changes that have been made in response to the council’s faculty feedback reports and suggested he could attend a meeting this fall. Dr. Ghiaseddin will follow up with Dr. Norton and others about presenting to faculty senate.
- V. **Council Topic Suggestions for 2022-23 Academic Year including follow-up’s:**
 - **Research and Research Funding Impacts & Response to Deans’ Letter**
Dr. Bacsik described the single response to the letter from the Office of Research. It listed some of the language on DEI requirements in major sources of research funding. The pdf [Examples of Federal Agency Expectations Regarding Diversity](#) includes statements from DOE, NIH, and NASA which were general program requirements rather than grant opportunities where specifically addressing DEI issues was the focus of the funding. Dr. Norton’s office has been working on ways to help UF remain competitive for such grants and will be asked to discuss them with the council at a future meeting.

- **Spring 2023 [Revised Resolution](#)** [from the tabled May 2022 Senate [Resolution for Development of a Strategic Plan for Animal and Human Subject Research Resources](#)]

The resolution was not taken up at this meeting since Dr. Bloom was absent and new members need time to review the issues, but it will be addressed in the future.

- **Enterprise Software**

Interest in an enterprise license for Adobe Creative Cloud / Biorender was discussed.

VI. Administrative Liaison/Contributing Committee Chairs Introductions/Updates

Graduate School - Tom Kelleher

The graduate school welcomes a new director of post-doc affairs, Britany Hollister.

University Libraries - Vandana Baweja/Judith Russell

The library asked to be kept in the loop on discussions of enterprise licenses to aid in resource planning efforts the library covers.

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

No report.

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

Michael Mahoney provided a brief review of the changes to the IRB approval website and committee structure that have been made recently. They are beta testing a live chat option with IRB staff and have redesigned the investigator guidelines to improve search results. Member trainings are being held after meetings for IACUC and the vendor paperwork is being completed on the request for a consultant, so they should begin work in spring of 2024.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Minutes submitted by Angela Bacsik.