

Research Council Minutes
February 22nd, 2022
3:30pm – 5:00pm

VOTING:

Jason Carter	Sarah Shannon
Mary Miles	Colin Shaw
Mary Cloninger	Nicole Tuss
Ron June	Blake Wiedenheft
Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach	Carl Yeoman
Michael Brody	Nicholas Childs
Molly Secor Turner	

NON-VOTING:

Craig Ogilvie
Chris Kearns/ Jim Mitchell
Terry Leist
Robert Mokwa/Durward Sobek
Leslie Schmidt
Ryan Knutson
Jayne Morrow
Liz Shanahan

No amendment to the minutes from last month; minutes approved.

1. Brief Announcements, New Awards

- Dr. Blake Wiedenheft shared that a post-doc in his lab got the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99). This award helps outstanding Postdoctoral Researchers complete needed mentored training and transitions to faculty positions.
- There are a number of ongoing faculty candidates searches. VP Carter thanked Dr. Elizabeth Shanahan, Dr. Jayne Morrow and Dr. Craig Ogilvie for their time in meeting with faculty candidates. Their feedback is provided back to the Deans and Department Heads.

2. Huron Core Facilities final report (J. Carter/L. Schmidt)



Huron Core
Facilities Report Sun

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- Leslie Schmidt shared that Huron Consulting developed Policies and Procedures documents that will help manage and set rates for the Core Facilities. One proposed structure was to establishing the service center committee which will be responsible for the non-financial oversight. REDGE will be responsible for managing the entire process and financial oversight.
- Emily Elias, Research Program & Grant manager for the Core Facilities will assist with fiscal management as well as be a point of contact and resource for the compliance rules, regulations, and current policy to Core Facilities Directors.

- The final policy will need to eventually be presented to the University Council for their review and approval.
- Core Facilities evaluation will be every 5-year period:
 - Annual review (Providing annual report- the major metrics expected in the annual report are grants, expenditures, publications, outreach mission and land grant mission. VP Carter would like to continue the discussion and get feedback for the March RC meeting, if there's other metrics should be include in the report).
 - Quarterly meeting to justify requests, costs and what they are using the fund towards.
 - Set up an ad-hoc group to review the annual reports and provide feedback.

3. Library and Elsevier contract (K. Arlitsch)

- Dr. Kenning Arlitsch, Dean of the Library and Rachelle McLain, Collection Development Librarian proposed the “unbundle” plan for purchasing research journals.



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- Journal Subscriptions increase from 4-7% every year, but the collections budget has been flat since FY15.
- The Elsevier contract with MSU was in five year increments, and it ended last December. MSU renewed one year contract for 2022 t to figure out a more sustainable plan.
- In 2023, library plans to unbundle the Elsevier contract, and only subscribe to the journal titles that are most used on campus. There will be a mechanism in place that will allow researchers to purchase any articles from other journals that we don't subscribe by charging a library account.
- Exploring with vendor who has contracts with publishers and can provide access to big number journals. Article delivery services- Users can expect continued seamless access. The services integrate well with our existing discovery services.
- Link about Elsevier contract is on the library website.
<https://www.lib.montana.edu/services/information-access/collections/elsevier/>
- More conversation will be continued at department level, requesting unit feedback and advice are needed before December 2022.

4. RC request on expenditures by funding agencies (L. Schmidt)

- Following December request, Leslie Schmidt used Tableau program to share some of OSP historical data that went back to 8 years (i.e., proposals, total GRAs, duration of time that the support was received, etc).
- Tableau is a great tool to use for monitoring or comparing data from different agencies, and can be informative regarding proposal trends, award trends. This could help our faculty identify different agencies, as well as different private foundations, for their research portfolio.
- Leslie thanked Ken Kurtenbach and Angelina Howlett for developing this tool and assisting in pulling all the data together.

5. Other/Future Items

- Please email any topics to be discussed for March and April meetings. One item we will bring back again for the March meeting is how to continue to support graduate student.

The meeting adjourned 4:56 pm

Next Research Council Meeting: March 24th, 2022