

Research Council Minutes

April 26th, 2023
3:30pm – 5:00pm

VOTING:

Alison Harmon	Sreekala Bajwa
Mary Miles	Colin Shaw
Mary Cloninger/Robert Walker	Nicole Tuss
Ron June	Blake Wiedenheft
Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach	Carl Yeoman
Eric Austin	Elizabeth Olson
Molly Secor Turner	Jonmichael Weaver
Brian Gillespie	Amanda Haab
Michael Reidy	Greg Young
Jennifer Thomson	

NON-VOTING:

Craig Ogilvie
Chris Kearns
Terry Leist
Robert Mokwa/Durward Sobek
Sandra Sward
Ryan Knutson
Liz Shanahan

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- Approval of March 2023 Minutes – Minutes were approved unanimously.
 - Introductions and news from the field (All)
 - Dr. Daniel Grant, new associate director of Research Development for Extension and Engagement joined the meeting to be introduced to the Research Council.
 - Research issues and questions related to Cyberattack (All)
 - VP Harmon updated on the recovery effort. New procedures and training will be followed. Please reach out to the UIT if there's an issue with data loss.
 - Office of Research Development: Research Enhancement Grants Update (Liz Shanahan)
 - Dr. Liz Shanahan shared an update from Dr. Lee Spangler who is the chair of Research Expansion fund that we received 19 proposals, and four proposals will be awarded.
 - We are looking for reviewers to participate in a review committee for next year. There was a suggestion about using post-docs.
 - Updates on Research Council Goals 2022-23 (Alison Harmon)
 - Dr. Colin Shaw shared about the undergraduate Research Celebration in the SUB Ballrooms on April 27th. 60 Students presenting Poster with two sections 9:30 am and 12:30 pm and afternoon 1:30-4:30 pm.
 - He reported on the expanding undergraduate research task force meeting:
 - ✓ Discussed next step on some priorities such as waiver to eliminate credit minimum for undergraduate research, who are working to establish residency.

- ✓ Having an open house; Job fair, or a webpage where mentors can post research opportunities.
 - ✓ Planning to increase 30% USP stipend for the next academic year.
 - ✓ Making progress on Centralized undergraduate research page.
 - ✓ Having Undergraduate Research Coordinating Hub.
 - ✓ Instituting some High schools, Community Colleges, Tribal Colleges for some engaging research program.
- Ryan Bartlett shared ideas of Lab Sustainability Initiative:
 - ✓ Some Institutions offer a type of rebate for Energy Star
 - ✓ Using environmental conscious equipment for energy efficient
 - ✓ Checking the inventory and consolidating to lower energy consumption or sharing lab supplies between labs.
 - ✓ Working with the Office of Sustainability on fact finding across campus, and then laying the groundwork this summer.
 - Kirk Lubick added that he would like to present this effort to the Research Council in the Fall after collecting data.
 - Dr. Sandy Sward updated about ePCF replacement software task force meeting. The committee decided to request more information to make sure we considered all vendors for the new software. Please share feedback and ideas and we will update again after the process.
 - In addition, Dr. Sward shared about MSU Leave Pool progress. Before the implementation there will be a trial run. Leslie Schmidt is working on the FAQ and it will be sent out to the MSU research community to address how this program will impact grants.
 - Dean Craig Ogilvie updated on 12-month GRA, EGAP, Prospective PhD student survey:
 - ✓ Testing for 12-month GRA is on hold until the Mid- Summer.
 - ✓ Shared data on PhD student Survey (declined MSU offer). Why choosing offer from another University.
 - Stipend
 - Cost of housing
 - Health Insurance
 - Plan B option
 - ✓ Working on a draft idea for Multi-year PhD offers and assistantship insurance for competitive offers that include stipends and funding that lasts more than one year.
- RESEARCH EVENTS:
 - Mental Health Resources and Research: Community Symposium; Thursday April 27, 2023, 6:30-8:30pm, Inspiration Hall, Norm Asbjornson Hall.
 - Research Celebration: Tuesday May 2nd, 2023, 3:30-6pm—*Celebrating the Role of Research in the Land Grant Mission* (RSVP will open on April 1st)
 - Review progress on Research Council goals during this academic year (~ 3:45pm)

- University wide 3-Minute Thesis Competition (~ 4:15pm)
- Recognition of the *Everyday Heroes* of the research enterprise (~5pm)

- DEPSCoR Day, Thursday May 18, 2023

- Critical Resources Summit, Thursday May 25, 2023

- Research Integrity & Compliance Conference October 18-19, 2023 preview (Kirk Lubick)

- 2nd Annual Research Development Day, Thursday January 11, 2024

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 President's Conference Room