

Research Council Minutes

March 29, 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 February 2023 Minutes
 - Minutes moved to approve by Dr. Jennifer Thomson; seconded by Dr. Colin Shaw. Minutes are approved.
 - Core Facility Proposal Presentation: HELPs LAB (Eric Raile)
 - Dr. Eric Raile presented an overview on Human Ecology Learning & Problem Solving (HELPS) Lab to be a new Core Facility.
 - Institutional Survey Policy (Chris Fastnow)
 - Dr. Chris Fastnow shared the draft of the institutional survey policy, survey guidelines and survey procedures. Need the Research Council's input on the policy draft before bringing it to the university council. This policy is intended to protect respondents, to promote good data, good inference and to prioritize projects.
 - Carnegie Classifications Update (Sandy Sward)
 - ACE and the Carnegie foundation partnered in February 2022 and redesign new structure for the classifications to account for social and economic mobility. The ultimate goal is to ensure that the classifications do a better job of reflecting higher education's public purpose.
 - Updates on Research Council Goals for 2022-23 (All)
 - Dr. Mary Miles has been working with Tech Transfer, MSU legal on Intellectual Property issues when collaborating with tribal communities. MSU is trying to develop an agreement on how IP is assigned to a tribal partner and to find pathway in navigating researchers to understand the policies.

- Convene meeting with a task force on April 6 to discuss expanding undergraduate research goal to plan priorities and action steps for AY 2023-24
- Follow-up from the last meeting: below is the link for MSU's Institutional Plan for Safe and Inclusive Working Environments for Off-Campus & Off-Site Research:
<https://www.montana.edu/legalcounsel/compliance/safeandinclusive/Safeandinclusiveplan.html>
- SAVE THE DATE:
 - 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—please nominate by April 1st (~5pm)
 - Thursday, April 27th 9:30am-4:30pm - Undergraduate Scholars Program is hosting Student Research Celebration at the SUB Ballroom.
 - On the same day, VPRED office and League of Women Voters jointly sponsor the Mental Health Resources & Research Symposium 6:30-8:30pm at the Inspiration Hall, NAH.
 - Elizabeth Olson updated that after testing, leave pool should be launched in the next fiscal year 2024.
 - Dr. Liz Shanahan updated that the Research Expansion Fund has 19 applications, and those decisions are in the process of being made. There are 15 applications for the Scholarship & Creativity grant and 1 application for HASS. We didn't fund HASS, which gives more funds to the S&C. Between the fall and the spring, there were 24 applications total, 75% acceptance rate. Most funded are from the College of Letter & Sciences and College of Arts and Architecture.
- Topics for next meeting
 - Dean Craig Ogilvie will give an update on the 12 months GRA as well as update on the software development system "EGAP".
 - Dr. Sandy Sward and Dr. Liz Shanahan will update about the new software to replace EPCF form.

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