

Research Council Minutes

September 27, 2023
3:30-5 p.m.

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	Michaela McKamey
Brian Gillespie	Amanda Haab
Michael Reidy	Greg Young
Colter Ellis	

NON-VOTING:

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

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- Approval of August 2023 Minutes- Mary Miles moved to approve, and Ron June seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
 - Introductions and news from the field (All)
 - MSU Founders' Day Awards and subcommittee – needed two volunteers to serve on a subcommittee review award and provide recommendations.
 - ❖ Michael Reidy and Mary Cloninger serve on the review committee.
 - Research Administration (Sandy Sward)
 - Government Shutdown – Sent out two notifications campus-wide. Contact OSP if your grants will expire in the next 3 months.
 - Productive OSP roundtable talked about best practices on spending IDC, Fellowship appointments, Smart buy MSU: new purchasing platform- hope to reduce time to spend in purchasing, and Leave Pool Implement on 11/1.
 - Research Development (Liz Shanahan)
 - Internal grants- Scholarship and Creativity grant only received 2 applications.
 - Hosted HASS Charrette- great feedback with 60 people attending.
 - Research Development Day is scheduled for January 11th, 2024. Registration is open now.
 - Research Compliance (Kirk Lubick)
 - MSU hosting the Research Integrity & Compliance Conference on October 18th and 19th at the SUB– 120 people registered.
 - There are three tracks of presentations:
 - ❖ Environmental Health & Laboratory Safety

- ❖ Research Compliance Committees
- ❖ Research Integrity & Ethics for Researchers and Students.
- Graduate School: current funding opportunities for graduate students; fellowships and scholarships (Craig Ogilvie)
 - Effectiveness of research-focused recruiting awards
 - ❖ President award, \$2K over two years (Masters + PhD)
12 dept. participated with 2 depts making several requests.
 - ❖ University award, \$20K over five years (PhD)
Same 2 depts, -40% of the nominations.
 - ❖ PhD Start awards, made to depts and can be awarded to student of their choice.
2 Sem GRA, GTA-New PhD Programs & retention focus.
 - Asked for feedback on increasing \$25k for 5 years for University Award and 20 awards at \$4k for 2 years for Presidential award.
- Undergraduate Research: Plans and priorities for this academic year (Colin Shaw)
 - Abstract submission is open for students planning to present at the Winter Research Celebration on November 29th and for the NCUR conference in April next year.
 - Agenda for next year- a celebration of 30 years of an undergraduate research program, which started in 1994.
 - Searching for a new McNair Director.
 - Curiositas, student-run Journal of Undergraduate Research, is undergoing reorganization to ensure this is sustainable.
 - For the next RC meeting, Dr. Shaw would like to present the USP FY 23 Report USP- what has been done and the long-term plans.
- Major Topic: MilTech Overview and Applied Research Lab Update (Al Deibert, Nikki Tuss, Ben Dahlke)
 - MilTech mission: Accelerating the transition of new technology to the US Government
 - MilTech Historical Summary:
 - ❖ 2004: Came out of TechLink and MMEC after 26 years.
 - ❖ 2008 Self-Funding
 - ❖ 2009 PIA 1 OSD & AFRL (Independent Parallel Organization with TechLink)
 - ❖ 2016 PIA 2 FAR-AFMP
 - ❖ 2018 MCSC PIA
 - ❖ 2019 DHS PIA
 - ❖ 2020 PIA 3
 - What is MilTech?
 - ❖ A research program at MSU
 - ❖ An Office of Secretary Defense National Partnership Intermediary (PIA)
 - ❖ A fee for services program receiving project-specific funding
 - ❖ Assist DOD and DHS with manufacturing, design, and technology scouting expertise
 - ❖ Acts as an “Honest Broker” with industry and vendors

- Ben Dahlke gave an overview of the Applied Research Laboratory
 - ❖ Controlled access facility
 - ❖ Support faculty and staff with classified research and regional economic development.
 - ❖ Students getting clearances be more valuable to the workforce
- Other announcements and November Agenda items
- RESEARCH EVENTS:
 - OSP Roundtable, October 19, 10 am, Procrastinator Theatre
 - Federal Initiatives Workshop with Strategic Marketing Innovations (SMI), Oct 12, 9-11:30 am, Inspiration Hall
 - Research Integrity & Compliance Conference October 18-19, 2023 (register now!)
 - State of MSU Research: a Big Conversation about Big Initiatives, Oct 27, 3:30-5 pm, Romney Cruzado Hall
 - PI Training, November 7, 8:30 am, Byker Auditorium
 - Lunch and Learn A Case Study: *“Can I use Uber and stay at an AirBnB on my grant?” What MSU learned from the NSF OIG three-year audit*, November 14, Location TBD.
 - 2nd Annual Research Development Day, Thursday January 11, 2024

Next Meeting: November 29, 2023, President’s Conference Room