



Faculty Senate

Research Council Committee Reports 2021-2022

Chair – Linda Walters; Vice Chair – Shawn Burke

January 20, 2021

1. We needed to replace 2 of 3 Committee Chairs this semester due to class conflicts. Damla Turgut is now the Chair of the Internal Research & Facilities Committee and Linda Walters is now the Chair for The Policy Committee.
2. A draft resolution on continuing SEED research funding has been distributed to all Council members and will be sent to Steering Committee within the next 2 weeks.
3. Organizing committee to review University-wide Excellence in Research applications (the winners at the college level).

November 15, 2021

The three committees of the Research Council met together on November 15, 2021 to update all members, discuss ideas, and distribute tasks for the upcoming months. Dr. Klonoff and Dr. Schoenfeld also attended the meeting.

Policy Committee (Chair: Scot French): This committee has completed their work on two draft policy documents (Research Misconduct, International Travel for Faculty). The upcoming agenda items for this group will be 1) understanding the faculty perception of credit splits associated with grant proposals and sunseting centers/institutes which are no longer active.

Compliance Committee (Chair: Shawn Burke): This committee has sent out a survey to ADRs (Associate Deans of Research) to determine if the move of EHS to UCF Compliance has impacted faculty research. They have also been working on a plan to have faculty "on call" to assist with Research Misconduct investigations to speed up the process. Upcoming agenda items include establishing a plan to have faculty "on call" to serve on a Graduate Faculty Status Inquiry Committee.

Internal Research and Facilities Committee (Chair: Chris Emrich): This group has provided OR input on the SEED grant rfp; potential for writing resolution to change from one UCF Excellence in Research award to 3 awards; Software survey to understand faculty needs and workflow on how UCF determines what software to purchase on campus-wide licenses; how to deal with aging or broken large pieces of equipment/space used in faculty research that is not covered by grants. New items for the committee include how best to communicate to faculty all the services that OR provides and if/how OR should distribute all the RFPs they receive to faculty. All 3 committees have been requested to discuss faculty compliance issues and how to get all faculty "into compliance" with their effort certification, COI, other required trainings.

October 18, 2021 – Policy Committee

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number of faculty responses via email. Other interested faculty joined the zoom meeting on Monday, October 18. The second meeting was attended by Global/OR. Faculty shared additional questions/concerns about the revised draft policy. By November 1, the draft policy will go to the UCF Policy and Procedures Committee. Once posted by them, faculty will have an additional 2 weeks to comment on draft policy.

October 11, 2021 - Compliance Committee

Committee is working on 2 agenda items. First is looking at EHS concerns and experiences since EHS moved out of OR in 2019. Second is determining how best to get a Research Misconduct Review Committee in place to expedite response time.

October 11, 2021 - Internal Research Committee

Committee focused on 2 issues. First was understanding how UCF does and should deal with technology and equipment not managed by facilities. Who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep? Second, Dr. Klonoff asked the group to formulate a transparent workflow process for when a faculty member asks OR to purchase software.

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October 25, 2021 - Compliance Committee

Committee is looking at EHS concerns and experiences since EHS moved out of OR in 2019. The committee is developing a survey that will be distributed to all Associate Deans for Research (ADRs) to understand positives and negatives of this move. Survey will be distributed on November 7 and announced at the ADR meeting on November 9. If any faculty have concerns with EHS, please share with your college ADR or directly with Shawn Burke on the Compliance Committee.