

University of Central Florida
Research Council Meeting Minutes
[For August 25, 2025]

Research Council Charge Meeting for the 2025-26 Academic Year

Senate Host: Dr. Jeffrey Kauffman, Senate Vice-Chair

- 1) Call to Order [4:01 P.M.]
- 2) Roll Call [Per Zoom Participation] The following persons were in virtual attendance.

Name [Voting Member]	College
Delfyett, Peter	CREOL
Duranceau, Steven	CECS
Dykstra, Andy	CHPS
French, Scot	CAH
Ge, Yue (Gurt)	CCIE
Guldi, Melanie	CBA
Hua, Nan	RCHM
Johnson, Emily	CAH
Jurca, Titel	COS
Kean, Thomas	COM
Kim, Jihyun	COS
Kuebler, Stephen	COS
Luna, David	CBA
Major, Amanda	DDL
Miller, Anne	COS
Norris, Sarah	LIB
Ram, Daniel	COM
Santos, Pedrina Terra Dos	FSI
Soheil, Sabri	CECS
Vitanova, Gergana	CAH
Walters, Linda	COS
Yalim, Asli	CHPS

Council Administrator	
Schoenfeld, Winston	OR

Name [Guest]	College
Jensen, Devon	AA
Kinchen, Elizabeth	NP
Lighthall, Nicole	COS
Listengarten, Julia	CGS
Mendonca, Marc	OR
Rivera, Manuel	RCHM

- 3) Approval of Minutes. This was the first meeting of the 2025-26 Academic year, so no old minutes were provided for approval.
- 4) Dr. Kauffman reviewed the responsibilities of the Research Council. See “Duties and Responsibilities” at <https://faculty senate.ucf.edu/committees/research-council/>. Also discussed were UCF Policies and Procedures at <https://policies.ucf.edu/>.
- 5) New Business.
 - a. Select the Council Chair for the 2025-26 Academic year.
 - b. Nomination for Dr. Linda Walters to serve as Chair provided by Dr. Steve Duranceau; no other nominations provided. The call to vote resulted in unanimous approval for Dr. Linda Walters to serve as Chair.
 - c. Nomination for Dr. Steve Duranceau to serve as Vice-Chair provided by Dr. Stephen Kuebler; no other nominations provided. The call to vote resulted in a unanimous approval for Dr. Steve Duranceau to serve as vice-Chair.
- 6) Old Business – None.
- 7) Next Meeting. The meeting schedule and location is determined by the chair of the committee, Chair Dr. Linda Walters, and will be forthcoming.
- 8) Adjournment: 4:46 p.m.

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Post-Meeting: Dr. Duranceau expressed concern over the time commitment for this role. Dr. Walters reached out to long-term council members to seek a replacement. As a result, Dr. David Luna will be the Vice-Chair for the fall semester and Dr. Ann Miller will be the Vice-Chair for the spring semester. Faculty Senate chair Dr. Stephen King approved this revision as it is important that faculty members in leadership roles have the bandwidth to commit to needed efforts.