



Faculty Senate

Research Council

Agenda for meeting of August 30, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes February 22, 2021
4. Recognition of Guests
5. Announcements
6. Committee Staffing and Chair Selection
7. Committee Workload Assignments
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment



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Minutes for meeting of February 22, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

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1. Call to Order at 4:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call
 - a) Fevzi Okumus, Debopam Chakrabarti, Natalie Underberg-Goode, Robertico Croes, Matt Stock, Andres Campiglia, Shawn Burke, Peter Delfyett, Yongho Sohn, Shengli Zou, Sarah Norris, Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Kristin Wetherbee, Vicki Loerzel, and Qun Treen Huo were present
3. Approval of Minutes of *January 11, 2021*
 - a) Motion to accept minutes, second, motion passes.
4. Recognition of Guests
 - a) Sandra Sovinski and Debra Reinhart from the Office of Research
5. Announcements
 - a) Giving report of our activities at the next Steering Council meeting New Business
6. Conflict of Interest Update

The comment period for the COI documents closed. Only 23 comments were received that indicated that clarifications were needed about the document. The COI policy was revised and sent to the President for approval and signature. There is a video tutorial being developed. There is a meeting with the Huron group to work on transitioning the form from ARGIS into the Huron system
7. New Subcommittees update
 - a) Policy- working with Dr. Klonoff and the Office of Research on policy revisions. There were several topics assigned to the group (Supporting Big Initiatives, Developing Procedures for evaluating university resources) but it is unclear why. The committee is working with OR to determine what policies need review.
 - b) Compliance- Items to be worked on include Compliance items moved out of OR into other departments. Another item related to Contract approval has been resolved. The President has announced that starting March 1st contracts no longer need to go through the legal department unless they are specifically asked to review. Contract managers will handle the contracts which makes us consistent with other universities. UCF is working with Huron group to improve transparency of the contracts process. Within the system, PIs will be able to see where their contract is at all times. Metrics are being developed to track the new process. New item from Dr. Klonoff- there is a need for a research misconduct policy concerning unethical behavior. The current policy included fabrication,



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- falsification and plagiarism but does not cover other ethical issues. The concept of “ethically appropriate activities” needs to be introduced at UCF.
- c) Internal Research Support- Reviewed Excellence in research Awards.
Recognized the rubric is flawed and heavily biased towards the hard sciences and needs repair. Discussion included an effort from several years ago when the committee worked to expand the awards to three and develop additional award categories to be more inclusive of the work being done at UCF by faculty. These documents will be sent to Chris Emrich so they can review and decide how to proceed. Faculty awards need to be bargained but it is unclear what the outcome of prior bargaining was or if it was bargained at all.
 - d) Facilities and Labs- Issue from Dr. Klonoff- there needs to be an alert system for faculty when something is going to happen (e.g. HVAC shut off, cleaning) in their building/lab that may affect their work. Faculty is not being notified by facilities and this is impacting the function of labs.
8. Other Business
- a) The research council will not meet again as a group this year but the chairs of these subgroups will send notes to Laurie and Natalie for updates and dissemination.
 - b) Dr. Klonoff would like to convene a Task Force for Foreign Influence due to a new Florida law that may come out that would immediately end all work being done with a communist country (China, Vietnam, Cuba). This law could impact many faculty and their work.
9. Adjourn