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Research Council

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

Zoom Meeting:

<https://ucf.zoom.us/j/95195024012?pwd=MmZ1UFFEbVo0ejBpYmIYN1U5ZUVRUT09>

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes 1/11/21
4. Recognition of Guests
5. Announcements
6. Conflict of Interest update
7. New Subcommittees update
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment



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Minutes for meeting of January 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order at 4:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of *November 30, 2020*
 - a) Motion to accept November 30th meeting minutes, second, motion passes.
4. Recognition of Guests
5. Announcements
 - a) Chair Underberg-Goode announced that Faculty Senate Chair Joseph Harrington and Past Chair William Self have joined the Research Council meeting today to discuss the agenda and structure for future meetings.
 - b) Vice President for Research Elizabeth Klonoff said that the grant process has been completed and there may be another one coming up. They are going to be modifying the structure of the Office of Research in order to get more done and provide more support and be more responsive to faculty input and faculty needs.
6. New Business
 - a) New Research Council Agenda and Structure for Spring – *Faculty Senate Chair Joseph Harrington, Past Faculty Senate Chair William Self and Vice President for Research Elizabeth Klonoff*
 - i) Faculty Senate Chair Joseph Harrington thanked Natalie for the invitation to speak to the council. He noted that he has been contacted regarding the issues that should be addressed by the Research Council. The list of issues has grown to the point that it is now clear that the Research Council should be expanded into subcommittees to handle the items. He noted that other Faculty Senate committees are structured this way. He said that most of the operational committees are meeting twice a month. He asked the council members if they have any opinions about what types of issues should be handled. He told them that if the level of work is more than a member can take on, then to let Chair Underberg-Goode know.
 - ii) Past Chair William Self explained that several years ago the idea was brought up to elevate the Research Council from a joint committee to an operational committee. It was felt that the needs would surface for the work of the council. Bill started and Joe is continuing to work with and request from Interim Provost Johnson some type of compensation for the time of the chairs of the operational committees.
 - iii) Chair Harrington said that there are department chairs that value service to the university and there are department chairs that prefer their faculty serve



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within the college or department. He noted that since the Faculty Senate started sending the committee interest survey, there has been a better response from faculty who are willing to serve on university committees. He encouraged the members to talk to their chairs about a course buyout if the service workload is substantial. He stressed that there have been major initiatives that have come out of the Faculty Senate committees, so this service is very important.

- b) Council Member Chakrabarti stated that he was chair last year and he said that the work of the Research Council traditionally has been to review the awards and that was about it. He said he would always ask for agenda items, but never received input, so he would have to make up the agenda for the group. He said he would like to see more participation from the Research Council members.
 - c) Chair Harrington expressed that the council members are representatives of their colleges and departments and should be talking with faculty to find out what items and initiatives should be brought before the council. He shared a document that showed and explained agenda item examples that could be brought before the council.
 - i) Drive a faculty agenda for research
 - advocate for buyouts at replacement cost for research initiative leadership (PhD proposals, center leaders)
 - F&A redistribution
 - some \$ to PI for full-indirect projects
 - COI
 - Awards/travel
 - Contract approval process
 - Research IT - keep in IT
 - Look out for researchers' time (sabbaticals, buyouts, etc.)
 - Seed money for early-career faculty projects
 - Mid-career startup grants for big projects
 - Supporting big initiatives wrt. policy, etc.
 - Policy pertaining to married faculty in advising and Pling.
 - Come up with and evaluate research investment initiatives
 - Compliance items moved out of OR; unusual arrangement, problematic
 - EH&S – Environmental Health and Safety
 - Undue foreign influence
 - Research non-compliance
 - Facilities costs should be borne by facilities
- d) Council Member Chakrabarti noted that compliance has moved out of the Office of Research and there is a resolution that will be coming to the Faculty Senate regarding this. Chair Harrington said that he has heard about this and said that this is an excellent item for the Research Council to work on.
- e) Chair Harrington also reviewed a list of potential subcommittees



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- i) Research Policy - meet jointly with Liz's staff committee
Research Compliance
Internal Research Support and Recognition
Research Facilities
-- Hold for next year --
Strategic planning, research initiatives
Research Initiative
IP
- ii) IT will be kept separate, for now, but will have appropriate expertise next year to handle research IT issues.
- f) Chair Harrington requested that members consider which subcommittees they would like to serve on. He also asked them to consider whether to have the whole council meet once a year and then the subcommittees meet monthly or more often. He said that the council should decide how they want to meet and how often. Vice President for Research Elizabeth Klonoff said that she has many topics that can go under each of these subcommittees. She would like direction from the council on how to proceed.
- g) Chair Harrington said that there is an opportunity here with a new president to establish a faculty-driven agenda. Council Member Croes said that he is concerned about receiving a justification as to the outcome of resolutions that have been sent to the Provost. Chair Harrington explained that there is a process for resolutions in which the Provost must address them within 60 days. He also said that it is the purpose of the ex officio members to provide information about what is happening at the university level. The council can request anyone to come to their meetings at any time in order to provide information. Resolutions are posted on the website. He stressed that it is best to resolve items without a resolution if possible.
- h) Subcommittee Meeting Schedule, Assignments, Chair/Vice Chair Elections – *Research Council Chair Natalie Underberg-Goode*
 - i) Chair Underberg-Goode said that she has made some preliminary assignments to subcommittees. She would like to know whether any members have a strong desire to serve on a particular subcommittee. She asked that the members to let her know within the next 24 hours what their preferences would be. She will then assign the committees. Chair Harrington said that there are about 4-5 items for each subcommittee. He suggests the subcommittees meet twice a month. Natalie asked what the council prefers about the council and subcommittees. She said that she prefers the council meets once a semester and the subcommittees meet once or twice a month depending on the work they have. She asked when the Council should meet again.
 - ii) Council Member Chakrabarti noted that the excellence awards are due in February so he feels the whole council should meet in February. The council



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decided to cancel the January meeting two weeks from now and keep the full council meeting on February 22nd.

7. Old Business

a) Conflict of Interest

- i) Council Member Chakrabarti updated the council on the progress of the Conflict of Interest Working Group. He said they are only focused on adding an extra question on form AA-21. There is a matrix which will guide through the process. Questions are focused mainly on foreign involvement. They will be meeting again this month. Discussion ensued regarding whether leaving questions 1-11 the same is helpful or not, as they are hard to understand. He requested that the council send him their concerns so that he can take them to the next meeting. Chair Underberg-Goode summarized by asking the council to share with the faculty in their college the items that were sent to the council and forward any comments to Council Member Chakrabarti for the next meeting of the working group on January 20th.

8. Other Business - None

9. Adjourn