

# Research Council

Minutes for meeting of February 5, 2024, 4:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting

Chair: Dr. Linda Walters, Vice-Chair: Dr. David Luna

**1. Call to Order** at 4:01pm

**2. Roll call** was replaced with noting people as they entered the Zoom meeting. In attendance were: Walters, Luna, Sovinski, Mansy, Garibay, Gesquiere, Shillingford, Yalim, Macuszonok, Turgut, Eadens, López Castillo, Johnson, Okumus, Weremchuk, Bochenek, Kuhns, Brisset, Gajentan, Coffee, Melanie, Yu, Khondaker, Norris, Sonmez, Kuebler, Shtrom, Ge.

**3. Approval of Minutes.** Approval of minutes from 1/22/24 meeting were approved.

**4. Recognition of guests.** Chad Macuszonok (Assistant Vice President of Research IT), Jason Kuhns (Database and Business Intelligence Manager), Sandra Sovinski (Deputy General Counsel, Office of Research), Svetlana Shtrom (Director, Technology Transfer).

## **5. Announcements:**

Report: University Excellence in Research Award: A winner has been selected by the award committee of the Research Council.

A research space allocation task force has been formed. Winston Schoenfeld will come to the 3/4/24 Research Council meeting to discuss.

For our next meeting, input on how to improve Workday for research will be sought from Research Council members.

Walters introduces today's topic of discussion: Chad Macuszonok and Jason Kuhns announce a future researcher-centric reporting tool. Sandra Sovinski and Svetlana Shtrom will discuss a policy draft for student intellectual property.

**6. Old Business.** No old business was discussed.

## **7. New Business:**

Topic: Reporting Tool

Macuszonok: announce a future researcher-centric reporting tool that will eventually integrate items like financial statements and IRB. The University is in the bid-selection process to identify a vendor. Oral bids will be open to the UCF research community and feedback will be solicited (timing: end of February).

Garibay: how is Aurora being integrated into systems?

Macuszonok: Aurora has been integrated into Workday.

Macuszonok: On 2/19/24, there will be a meeting where a beta version of the reporting tool designed in-house will be demonstrated. It is his intention to involve the Research Council throughout the process.

### Topic: Student IP

Sovinski: They are trying to codify a policy regarding student IP ownership. They started by looking at Penn State's policy. Then, worked with Theodorea Berry, Liz Klonoff, Winston Schoenfeld, and Michael Johnson's office. A draft policy has been written. This draft was circulated to the Research Council prior to this meeting.

Mansy: Some courses revolve around a faculty project (e.g., XXX 4912).

Sovinski: In those cases, IP belongs to the University. Sovinski shares a draft schematic that illustrates a decision tree that describes who owns the IP in different cases.

Walters: Where is the line drawn across different components of a project (e.g., students work on part of a project under faculty supervision and part of the project on their own). Not clear in policy.

Sovinski will investigate and follow up on this issue.

Garibay: We need more specific guidelines (e.g., define what "substantial support" is).

Sovinski: Some of these policies are CBA-specified; the intent in this document is to provide general guidelines to prompt a deeper reading of the specific thresholds, etc.

Walters: What happens when graduate students work on dissertation but also work on research work supported by GTA appointment at the university or in the field?

Sovinski acknowledges that there are many situations not directly addressed by document and that require further follow up.

Different members of the Research Council provide suggestions for draft schematic presented by Sovinski.

Kuebler: What happens when visiting scholars or volunteers work on projects?

Sovinski: UCF owns the IP but there may be special cases (e.g., a visitor's employer has already claimed the IP).

Walters: Another special case may be non-UCF (visiting) students enrolled in 0-credit hours.

Sonmez: When a student produces an invention (e.g., a mobile application) without support of the University.

Sovinski: This is a clear case of student-owned IP.

Eadens: Another consideration is when a recording is made of a performance by a student and a guest artist.

Sovinski: It would be best to write an agreement before the performance/recording.

Kuebler: There seem to be a lot of gray areas regarding informal work with faculty.

Sovinski: Yes, this is a very challenging area. There will be special cases that will have to be decided as they come.

Sovinski: The next step in the process is to continue refining the document draft.

Walters: Please forward any other comments to Sovinski and Shtrom.

**8. Other Business:** No other business was discussed.

**9. Adjournment** at 5:00pm.