

# Faculty Senate Research Council Meeting

Minutes of

**January 13, 2020**

**In attendance:** Julie Brisset, Andres Campiglia, Debopam Chakrabarti, Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Bari Hoffman Ruddy, Qun “Treen” Huo, David Luna, Fevzi Okumus, Nina Orlovskaya, Eduardo Teixeira, Damla Turgut, Shengli Zou, Jennifer Kent-Walsh, Liz Klonoff, Debra Reinhart. Sevil Sonmez.

CHPS and BA ADRs are in attendance. Renee Michel, Director EH&S attended as a guest speaker.

Debopam Chakrabarti, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. The roll was circulated for signatures. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

## **Disussion With EH&S Director**

- Policy revision s with respect to who pays for reinspection after violations are found was removed/withdrawn and EH&S is working with stakeholders before it opens again for edits most likely not going to be charging fees.
- Compliance with care: change the way we do business how to educate faculty so they can do the right thing. Change internal culture of EHS not perceived as a policy department.
- Revist of inspection: when deficiencies are noticed will there be a charge for that?
- In case of a chronic violator the escalation through the chair and college deans should enforce discipline on the faculty.
- Situations of severe neglect needs to be addressed differently.
- Dr. Klonoff suggested that we continue to help spread the news to comments that EHS is about a culture of safety and responsive to helping faculty facilitate their work.

## **Resolution for EH&S to remain under the Office of Research**

- There was a continuation of discussion from the last meeting about whether or not EHS (or parts of EHS) as well as export control should fall under the Office of Research.
- Appendix was distributed of other universities depicting where EH&S reports to.
- There is a need to expand the whereas clause for the senate resolution being developed.
- All members of the RC will contribute additional whereas clauses to provide context for the need of the resolution.

## **OOR seed and equipment funding awards**

- All colleges received some level of funding if they applied
- Exploratory research allocated funding based on formula created by ADR’s
- Awardees were notified in December
- Plans to continue this in future was asked by an RC member and the response was that it was dependent on funding from the Provost
- Questions were asked regarding the amount of funds awarded
  - Total funding: \$1M
  - IR2 established teams 5 applications received, 5 awarded
  - IR1 funded 5 awards

## **Vice Chair, Research Council**

- Dr. Delfeyett has stepped down from the RC because of conflicts with his teaching schedule.
- Dr. Orlovskya has been nominated and approved to be the Vice Chair.