



Faculty Senate

Research Council

Agenda for meeting of November 15, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

<https://ucf.zoom.us/j/99905294178?pwd=a245TkpoaU9qNkovdzFjNFhSSlIUdz09>

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call via Qualtrics: http://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8xf52iFvzleBg1w
3. Approval of Minutes August 30, 2021
4. Recognition of Guests
5. Policy Committee Update
6. Compliance Committee Update
7. Internal Research Committee Update
8. Office of Research Update
9. Discussion – Agenda Items for Spring 2022
10. Adjournment



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

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1. Call to order.
2. Roll call was replaced with recording people as they entered the zoom meeting plus a survey the next day for confirmation.
 - a. In attendance were Walters, Burke, Delfyett, Brisset, Luna, Hernandez, French, Rahnavard, Loerzel, Huo, Sonmez, Emrich, Turgut, Pasarica, Neal, Zou, Norris, Okumus, Del Barco, Wetherbee (for Stanlick).
3. Approval of minutes from 22 February.
 - a. No changes, no objections. Approved.
4. Recognition of guests.
 - a. Dr. Klonoff and Dr. Schoenfeld from the Office of Research. Wetherbee for Stanlick (Office of Compliance, Ethics, and Risk).
5. Announcements.
 - a. Next full council meeting will be held on Monday, 15 November 2021 at 4 PM.
 - b. Rest of meetings will occur by committee (expect 2 per month) and Committee Chairs will work with their committee members and Laurie to schedule.
 - c. Walters asked Chairs of each committee to send her minutes after each of their meetings.
6. Committees for 2021-2022.
 - a. Based on the anticipated topics, the Facilities Committee was folded into the Internal Research Support Committee. The Internal Research Committee is a large committee enabling members to be pulled from it for facilities discussion or formation of a Facilities Committee as needed. Neither Dr. Klonoff nor the Faculty Senate Steering Topics List had any pressing needs for a Facilities Committee at this time. If Research 2 Building is approved for construction, that will change.
 - b. Compliance Committee will be chaired by Shawn Burke. Members will be Delfyett, Brisset, Luna (moved from Internal Research Support), with Hernandez as an *Ex Officio* member.
 - c. Policy Committee will be chaired by Scot French. Members will be Rahnavard, Loerzel, Huo, Walters, with Stanlick, Schoenfeld, and Sonmez as *Ex Officio*.
 - d. Internal Research Support & Facilities Committee will be chaired by Chris Emrich. Members will be Turgut, Pasarica, Neal, Stock, Underberg-Goode, Zou, Norris, Okumus, with *Del Barco* as *Ex Officio*.
7. Walters provided a starting list of topics for 2021-2022 based on previous comments from Dr. Klonoff, Faculty Senate Steering Topics List, and faculty input.
 - a. Starting topic list for Compliance Committee was: 1) improve the process and speed at which we deal with research misconduct on this campus. Dr. Klonoff previously suggested it was slow and clunky; a committee on stand-by (possibly this committee) would stream-line this process.



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- b. Starting topic list for Policy Committee: 1) work with OR (Schoenfeld) to get list of our 500+ Centers and Institutes. Come up with mechanism/formula to determine if any should be sunsetted. 2) Work with OR to streamline process for establishing formal/informal international collaborations. It was mentioned that the new Florida policies on international collaborations will make this even harder than in previous years, but faculty need to know what is going on. 3) Review of updates to contract review procedures in OR. Dr. Klonoff elaborated on this older topic from Faculty Senate list of topics by saying that many OR procedures have been streamlined and their office would be happy to present a slideshow on this to this Committee or to the larger body of Faculty Senate.
 - c. Starting topic list for Internal Research Support/Facilities: 1) Request to move the hosting of scientific meetings from Continuing Education to OR. 2) Explore the possibility of acquiring a paid graphic designer for proposal preparation within OR. Many larger universities have such a person/team of people. 3) Increase transparency with the current President's Research Initiative, especially in regards to evaluation for funding. Dr. Klonoff reminded the meeting attendees that this year's efforts were not associated with her office, but suggestions for future programs would be appreciated.
8. Discussion continued on numerous past and present committee items.
- a. David Luna asked to move to the Compliance Committee and Sevil Sonmez was officially added to the Policy Committee.
 - b. Emrich asked if University Excellence in Research awards were now given out separately to STEM and non-STEM disciplines. Walters to check on that outcome.
 - c. Klonoff asked the Compliance Committee to examine the COI (Conflict of Interest) forms that went out this day and see if the rules/regulations still make sense and were effectively working.
 - d. Klonoff reported that we, as faculty, need to work hard to make sure that research is front-and-center in the new Strategic Plan that is under development. What kind of input is needed for this to happen?
 - e. Emrich brought up topics from last year's Internal Research Committee: 1) the idea of rolling deadlines for some internal grants would improve equity, 2) making teaching loads more equitable for research faculty, and 3) SEED awards – especially how funding decisions are made on applications (can it be more transparent and equitable?). Emrich suggested that the committee would continue working on these topics. Klonoff reported that both SEED and instrumentation grants would be available again this academic year.
9. Meeting adjourned: 4:51 PM