



Faculty Senate

Research Council

Minutes for meeting of November 30, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a) Natalie Underberg-Goode, Chair; Shawn Burke, Vice Chair; Debopam Chakrabarti; Robert Croes; Darlin' Neal; Debbie Hans-Vaughn; Peter Delfyett; Qun Ho; Jennifer Kent-Walsh; David Luna; Elizabeth Klonoff; Humberto Lopez; Fevzi Okumus; Yongho Sohn; Vicki Loerzel; Sarah Norris; Julie Brisset; Shengli Zou; Sevil Sonmez; Kara Gajentan; Carmen Giurgescu
3. Approval of Minutes of *October 26, 2020*
 - a) Motion to approve minutes of October 26, 2020, second, vote taken and minutes approved.
4. Recognition of Guests – No guests
5. Announcements – No announcements
6. Conflict of Interest – *Natalie Underberg-Goode*
 - a) 50 pages of comments received
 - b) 200 people commented through online survey
 - c) There will be an open forum
 - d) A subcommittee is formed to come up with recommendations on COI policy (Debopam and Treen) – the subcommittee is to make recommendation, not negotiation
 - e) Debopam asked if faculty union will participate in this discussion?
 - f) Natalie – informal answer, one officer in the faculty union may be in the meeting
7. Office of Research External Review – *Elizabeth Klonoff*
 - a) An external review panel is conducting a review on the Office of Research
 - b) The external panel includes people from Arizona State, Ohio State University? And others?
 - c) Main questions that are being asked and reviewed are: (1) Where commercialization should be placed; (2) How to incentivize faculty research; (3) How to recruit and retain the best faculty (we lost quite number of successful faculty after substantial startup and other support were provided to the faculty); (4) Where should be our research focus moving forward? For example, supporting those who can bring big dollars? Move further towards interdisciplinary research?
 - d) There will be a virtual visit on December 2, 2020



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8. Other Business

- a) Debopam – (1) There were some incentives for research active faculty, for example, out of cycle salary raise, however, this incentive appears to have gone away; (2) we are good at recruiting, but not good at retention; (3) aging infrastructure is a problem
- b) Carmen Giugeau – from nursing; lack of support such as statistician is a big problem for them
- c) Debopam – trusted chair position, it seems this program is being terminated? Some clarify that trusted chairs are 5-year position and subject to competitive renewal
- d) Liz – COI is the most important/urgent issue that ORC needs to deal with at this moment. She encourages faculty participation.

9. Adjourn