

University of Central Florida
Research Council Meeting Minutes
[For October 21, 2024]

Chair: Dr. Linda Walters; Vice-Chair: Dr. Steve Duranceau

- 1) Call to Order [4:00 P.M.]
- 2) Attendees [Per Zoom Participation] The following persons were in virtual attendance.

| Name [Voting Member] | College |
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| Brisset, Julie | FSI |
| Coffee, Lane | COM |
| Delfyett, Peter | CREOL |
| Donaldson Hanna, Kerri | COS |
| Duranceau, Steven | CECS |
| French, Scot | CAH |
| Ge, Yue (Gurt) | CCIE |
| Gesquiere, Andre | NTC |
| Guldi, Melanie | CBA |
| Huang, Helen*Alternate* | CECS |
| Johnson, Emily | CAH |
| Jurca, Titel | COS |
| Lopez Castillo, Humberto | CHPS |
| Miller, Ann | COS |
| Neal, Darlin | CAH |
| Norris, Sarah | LIB |
| Ram, Daniel | COM |
| Welch, Greg | CON |
| Walters, Linda | COS |
| Weremchuk, George | CAH |
| Yalim, Asli | CHPS |

| Name [Ex officio] | College |
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| Colwall, Joshua | COS |
| Kapucu, Naim | CCIE |
| Kent-Walsh, Jennifer | CHPS |
| Parks, Griff | COM |
| Schoenfeld, Winston | OR |

| Name [Guest] |
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| Gajentan, Kara |
| Harrington, Joe |
| Khondaker, Saiful |
| Roney, Josh |

- 3) Minutes from the October 7, 2024, meeting, were approved.
- 4) New Business.

UCF Seed Funding Program: 2024-25. Dr. Winston Schoenfeld reviewed the fourth round of the university-wide Seed Funding Program for UCF faculty, intended at promoting competitiveness in attracting external funding and enhancing visibility and recognition. Dr. Schoenfeld reviewed the intent of the funding and provided clarification on the process. The Council then suggested changes to the draft timelines, modified Tier levels (revised version shown in Table 1, updated from the information presented at the October 7 meeting), and provided additional commentary on match plus recommendations for the review criteria/committee structure. The Office of Research indicated that they will review the Council's comments and consider the recommendations prior to the release of the submittal instructions within UCF's "InfoReady" portal.

Table 1. (Draft-In Process) Seed Funding Tiers, Funding Amounts and Number of Awards

| Tier | PI Requirements | Funding Amount | Anticipated Number of Awards |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Tier-1 (T1) | Single or multiple PI proposals | Up to \$12k | 4-9 awards |
| Tier-2 (T2) | Minimum of 2 PIs | Over \$20k | 9-12 awards |

- 5) Other Business. None noted.

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6) Adjournment at 5:03 p.m.