

**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
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
Colwall, Joshua	COS
Kapucu, Naim	CCIE
Kent-Walsh, Jennifer	CHPS
Parks, Griff	COM
Schoenfeld, Winston	OR

Name [Guest]
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.