

**University of Central Florida  
Research Council Meeting Minutes  
For October 7, 2024  
[via Zoom virtual format]**

**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 attendance.

<b><u>Name [Voting Member]</u></b>	<b><u>College</u></b>
Coffee, Lane	COM
Delfyett, Peter	CREOL
Donaldson Hanna, Kerri	COS
Duranceau, Steven	CECS
Eadens, Daniel	CCIE
French, Scot	CAH
Garibay, Ivan	CECS
Ge, Yue (Gurt)	CCIE
Guldi, Melanie	CBA
Huang, Helen *Alternate	CECS
Johnson, Emily	CAH
Jurca, Titel	COS
Kuebler, Stephen	COS
Listengarten, Julia	CAH
Lopez Castillo, Humberto	CHPS
Luna, David	CBA
Miller, Ann	COS
Okumus, Fevzi	RCHM
Ram, Daniel	COM
Welch, Greg	CON
Walters, Linda	COS
Weremchuk, George	CAH
Yalim, Asli	CHPS

<b><u>Name [Ex officio]</u></b>	<b><u>College</u></b>
Bochenek, Grace	CGS
Colwall, Joshua	COS
Kapucu, Naim	CCIE
Parks, Griff	COM

<b><u>Name [Ex officio] GUEST</u></b>
Bates, Jon
Khondaker, Saiful
Larson, Peter
Reilly, Chuck

- 3) Minutes from the September 23, 2024, meeting, were approved.
- 4) Announcements. Provost Johnson has officially approved \$500K for SEED grant funding and \$500K for equipment maintenance/repairs. The Council will have our second discussion on SEED grant request for proposals on Monday, 10/21/24.

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5) New Business.

- a. Excellence in Research Rubric. The first item was review of the draft rubric for the Excellence in Research Award that is decided by Research Council members each year.

The Council reviewed the revised rubric prepared by the Council’s committee for the 2024 Excellence in Research Award, suggesting the following amended rubric be used next year. Additional commentary was provided by the Council, with several comments concerned about the “Excellent” and “International” rubric category. One important suggestion was to swap the column names from Excellent, Very Good, Good, and Emerging to International, National, Regional and Local. Then within the boxes, the judges would report each as Excellent, Very Good, Good or Emerging. This removes “International” as being the top criteria for folks whose research is focused at a national or regional level.

It appeared that the Council collectively noted consensus with the committee’s revision that combined publications, presentations and external support into one rubric category. Adjustments were intended to remove some of the inadvertent bias in the previous rubric toward participants from STEM and heavily grant-funded disciplines. The evaluations should be based on applicant accomplishments within the past 3 years. Applicants and their colleges should provide evidence about average productivity norms in their discipline areas, possibly using Academic Analytics. This rubric should come back to the Council (probably via email) for another review of the newest committee improvements.

<b>Domain</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Emerging</b>
Impact (e.g. citations/metrics, policies, patents, exhibition reach, distribution, news)	International	National	Regional	Local (UCF)
Value (qualitative consideration of human factors, current societal importance, etc.)	International	National	Regional	Local (UCF)
Recognition in field (e.g. awards – internal/external, disciplinary rankings, editorships, keynotes, grant funding, community engagement)	International	National	Regional	Local (UCF)
Research/creative activity outlets (e.g. publications, presentations, exhibits, plays, performances, screenings, etc.)	Very high	High	Satisfactory	Emerging

- b. Research Space Allocation. Jon Bates presented the latest methodology on the Administration’s rubric planned to be implemented. A significant amount of discussion ensued regarding issues identified in ongoing space allocation activities and more

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importantly interpretations. Jon Bates (and Chuck Reilly, attending) were to take Council comments into consideration as the Administration continues to modify their Rubric.

- 6) Other Business. None noted.
- 7) Adjournment at 5:07 p.m.