

Research Council

Minutes for meeting of September 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Chair: Dr. Linda Walters, Vice-Chair: Dr. David Luna

1. Call to Order at 4:00pm

2. Roll call was replaced with noting people as they entered the Zoom meeting. In attendance were: Walters, Luna, King, Gesquiere, Yalim, Ram, Neal, López Castillo, Duranceau, Johnson, Okumus, Weremchuk, gr536615, Garibay, Kent-Walsh, Josh, Brisset, Donaldson Hanna, Coffee, Guldi, Kapucu, Delfyett, Khondaker, Norris, French, Kuebler, Jurca, Ge.

3. Approval of Minutes. This is the first meeting of the academic year, so no prior minutes were available.

4. Recognition of guests. No guests attended the meeting.

5. Announcements: Stephen King charges the new membership of the Council for the academic year.

6. Old Business. No old business was discussed.

7. New Business:

King asks the membership to introduce themselves and describes the importance of the Council as an operational committee of the faculty Senate.

Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair:

Chair: Linda Walters by acclamation

Vice-Chair: Steven Duranceau by acclamation.

King shares the link policies.ucf.edu so members can sign up for updates. He also shares two new topics for discussion this semester:

- Revise the by-laws of the Research Council, in particular rank/title requirements for membership.
- Re-evaluate the rubric for University Excellence Awards.

Walters also mentions three other topics for the semester:

- Reviewing and commenting on the rubric for the new research space allocation guidelines.
- Review and change application, rubric, and selection procedures for the Seed Funding program and the Equipment Funding program (to repair existing equipment). OR may have funding available for these programs again.
- A “safe form” will be required for field studies/field research funded by federal grants. Input will be solicited from the Research Council.

Kent-Walsh: Regarding research awards, Kent-Walsh inquires about whether it might be possible to modify the terms of University research awards to include more awards per category or increase the number of categories.

8. Other Business: Walters and Duranceau to send schedule for forthcoming meetings for the Council.

9. Adjournment at 4:34pm.