



Kelly Barr mentions challenges with timely delivery of items once received at USF central receiving. The Bulls marketplace is not a good avenue for frozen or cold items. By the time they reach the correct campus address the items are spoiled. Some places that faculty need to order from are not on Bulls Marketplace. Ordering through central receiving takes too long to get to faculty.

David Simmons expressed frustration with the IT department's restrictive policies and lack of qualified personnel, which hinder their research productivity. He advocates for decentralization of decision-making and a more streamlined process for purchasing research materials. Suggests creating a button to distinguish if the purchase is for a research faculty. George will get with IT to discuss streamlining purchasing processes. Create a small group of RC and faculty researchers to help identify challenges and streamline the purchasing process. The Research Council will get feedback from different colleges and departments.

If there is a disclosure process, email to E Procurement help, [eprohelp@usf.edu](mailto:eprohelp@usf.edu) to report pricing discrepancies. Holding weekly MS Teams open forums to address issues and challenges with Bulls Marketplace, on Thursdays at 1pm. Striving to make Bulls Marketplace more efficient for faculty and staff. Daniel's team is the first touchpoint. Continued discussion in a future meeting. USF Health will be set up separately and run slightly differently.

Richard requested to email him which members want to be on the committee.

#### Other Business

Foreign Influence, what is the best way to proceed. Richard Heller and David Simmons will be meeting with the General Council on February 6, 2024, and will update the Research Council. Will also share an update with the Senate executive committee.

Invite IT to a future meeting to discuss the purchase process.

#### Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday,