



USF Senate Research Council

Minutes

April 1, 2024

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Hybrid meeting via MS Teams

In-Person, USFRI Multipurpose Room

Attendance

Council Members

John Adams (Past Chair), Ponrathi Athilingam, Kelli Barr, Feng Cheng, Elizabeth Hadley, Ganesh Halade, Richard Heller (Chair), Matthew Johnson, Kristian Lynch, Jenny Qin, David Simmons (Vice-Chair), Kristina Schmidt, Marilyn Stern,

Council Members Not Attending

James Leahy, Mark Luther, Emily Shaffer-Hudkins, Taryn Sabia, Kersuze Simeon-Jones,

Invited Guests and Other Participants

Eddie Aikins, Keith Anderson, John Johnson, Sandra Johnson-Austin, Sandra Justice (Research Council Liaison), Eric Kern, Tina Lucas, Allison Madden, Mark McLaughlin, Cerise Mullins, Jason Ramage, Ben Shnitser, Sylvia Thomas

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda

Richard Heller called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: March 18, 2024

Motion duly made, seconded, and carried; resolved, that the minutes of the meeting were approved.

3. Research Security Training

Jason Ramage, Research Integrity & Compliance

- a. Jason discussed training on research security and resources available for NSF grant applicants.
- b. Modules on research security include intro, closures, transparency, and international collaboration.
- c. Discussion of potential challenges and conflicts of interest in completing NSF required training modules.
- d. Discussed requirements for research programs, with training available but no new requirements implemented.
- e. Sylvia Thomas mentioned that the federal government requires compliance with layers of regulations, which will take time and effort to implement.

- f. Discussion on streamlining the process by aligning with federal requirements to reduce faculty time and confusion.
- g. Jason serves as a liaison with the Compliance and Ethics office to manage faculty compliance issues, including foreign influence and research misconduct.
- h. Discussion of creating a centralized system to streamline administrative tasks for faculty research, reducing overload and amplifying faculty success.
- i. USF Research Administrative Burdens folder created in shared Box folder, for faculty to list all administrative burden items associated with USF research.

4. Update on the IDRA proposals.

- a. John Johnson mentioned 10% have received reviews and will be sending out reminders to reviewers.
- b. Deadline for reviews is April 10, in person discussion will be on April 15 meeting.
- c. Council members with conflicts of interest asked to recuse themselves from the April 15 meeting.

5. Discussion on Cores and Infrastructure

- a. Discussed the importance of defining and establishing core facilities at the university, with a focus on recognizing research active entities and including external entities in the conversation.
- b. The provost wants to meet with Core Facility advisory committee to establish guidelines for assigning core facilities.
- c. The committee aims to standardize language and recognize core facilities across colleges.
- d. The committee will define and categorize university facilities, including colleges and research centers, with input from Faculty Senate, Research Council, and Office of Research and Innovation.
- e. Discussed defining core facilities in research, with a focus on process for recognition and designation.
- f. Richard Heller emphasized the importance of faculty involvement in decision-making regarding shared facilities.
- g. Discussed compliance with Research Council requirements for Core Facilities, including election of users and approval by advisory committee.

6. Other Business

- a. Vote for Vice-Chair at the April 29 meeting
- b. Jay to