

USF Research Council

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2023

Present John Adams (Past Chair), Ponrathi Athilingam, Feng Cheng, Elizabeth Hadley, Ganesh Halade, Richard Heller (Chair), James Leahy, Mark Lukersmith, Kristian Lynch, Taryn Sabala, Emily Shaffer-Hudkins, Kersuze Simeonova, David Simmons (Vice Chair), Marilyn Stern, Jenny Qin

Absent: Kelli Barr, Kristina Schmidt

Also Attending Eddie Aikins, Keith Anderson, Judi Dorn, Timothy Fawcett, Saundra Johnson Austin, Eric Kern, Tina Lucas, Mark McLaughlin, Rex Philpot, Omar Shaheen, Ben Shnits, Steven Tauber, Sylvia Thomas, Deena Vanderbosch

Call to Order

Dr. Richard Heller (Chair) called the meeting of the USF Research Council to order at 12:30 p.m. on October 9, 2023 in-person at the VP of Research Multipurpose Room and via Microsoft Teams

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The September 11, 2023, minutes were approved as presented.

Research Computing

Dr. Sylvia Thomas, Interim VP of Research & Innovation, opened the discussion and requested an update from Central IT (lvSF) 1 (c)sestgw 0. 36

Deena Vanderbosch stated that she is available to assist any PIs with their grant and mitigation plan. HR has already paid twenty PIs and is working through the payment process for many more. Steven Tauber, Vice Provost for Labor Relations and Space Planning, has also been working toward resolution.

Internal Awards Schedule

The Interdisciplinary Research Award (IDRA) guidelines have been finalized and announced via email and website posting after the meeting. The IDRA is set to open January 8, with the submission deadline on February 19, 2024. The Conference Planning Grant opened October 16, with the deadline of November 15, 2023. The CONF grant verbiage was revised to allow conferences to be held at a non-neighbor international location, with preference given to local conferences. The applicant must have an integral role in the conference planning process.

Other Business

Dr. Heller outlined the Research Council goals for the ensuing year. Dr. Heller noted that the role of the RCM model is not entirely clear. Dr. Heller will send these goals to the Faculty Senate and thereafter assign duties.

- x Research infrastructure- identify areas needed improvement and those completely lacking;
- x Revamp procedure for applying for and obtaining bridge funding;
- x Initiate evaluation of research support processes including purchasing, hiring, customer service, background checks for hiring foreign nationals during hiring;
- x Enhance support for graduate students;
- x Request audit of all aspects of budget that impacts research

After the meeting, it was determined that Research Council will meet with Academic Analytics on Tuesday, November 28, from 2:00 p.m. in the Provost Conference Room or via Microsoft Teams.

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23.