

Research Council Minutes

November 29, 2023
3:30pm – 5:00pm

VOTING:

Alison Harmon	Sreekala Bajwa
Mary Miles	Colin Shaw
Mary Cloninger/Robert Walker	Nicole Tuss
Ron June	Blake Wiedenheft
Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach	Carl Yeoman
Eric Austin	Elizabeth Olson
Molly Secor Turner	Michaela McKamey
Brian Gillespie	Amanda Haab
Michael Reidy	Greg Young
Colter Ellis	

NON-VOTING:

Craig Ogilvie
Steve Swinford
Terry Leist
Robert Mokwa/Durward Sobek
Sandra Sward
Ryan Knutson
Liz Shanahan
Chris Fastnow

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- Approval of September 2023 Minutes- Ron June moved to approve the minutes. Mary Miles seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
 - Introductions and news from the field (All)
 - Michaela Johnson replaced Jonmichael Weaver, as a new Graduate Student Representative.
 - Blake Wiedenheft announced application for the ITHS TL1 Program is due December 15th, 2023.
 - Research Administration (Sandy Sward)
 - Sandy Sward updated on getting closer to soliciting bids for the research administration software which will replace the ePCF.
 - Spending F&As—Best Practices (Alison Harmon)
 - VP Harmon shared the final drafts of the Best Practices that Tawnya Morgan had worked on. She will join the next RC meeting for Q&A.
 - Research Development Updates (Liz Shanahan)
 - Research Development Day will be on January 11th, 2024. Around 100 people RSVP. Hope to have more of the HASS faculty joining.
 - Internal grants – Looking for ways to effectively reach out to more people.
 - Working with Leslie Schmidt on sales and services tutorials for the Centers and Institutes.
 - There is an opportunity for four underserved Undergraduate Research Students with Duke University for five weeks training in the summer that is funded by NIH.
 - Research Compliance (Kirk Lubick)

- Working on the first draft of the University Research-Related and Industry Policy. There are no established practices of agreement through the policy process. So this policy will ensure that we are using appropriate types of agreements. Hope to bring this policy to the January University Council.
- Undergraduate Research (Colin Shaw)
 - Positions to Fill: Director of Undergraduate Research & Undergraduate Scholars Program Director
 - Today is the Student Research celebration in the SUB- 42 students presented. The larger student research celebration is on April, 25th, 2024.
 - Taking students to NCUR in Long Beach from April 8th-10th, 2024.
 - The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Fair will be on January 22nd, 2024, organized by Amanda Haab. The purpose of this fair is for faculty and undergraduate students to make connections.
 - Colin Shaw will be taking a rotator position as Program Director in Techtonics at NSF in January and searching for an interim director position for USP.
 - Josh Myers is the new director of the McNair Scholars Program.
 - The new Director of Undergraduate Research for the University position will help expand and grow undergraduate research opportunities.
 - The Undergraduate Research Student Advisory Council has been formed and focuses on getting thoughts and student engagement for the Undergraduate Research fair.
 - Craig Ogilvie shared a draft update on the master's degree manuscript and asked for input from the RC members.
- Major Topic: Big Initiatives Discussion Summary and Outcomes
 - The recording of the Big Initiatives discussion was posted on the Research & Discovery News Page. The conversation was about how we as an institution support big initiatives.
- Other announcements:
 - Michael Reidy and Mary Cloninger are on the review committee for the Research Founders Day Awards.
 - Due to meeting conflicts on some Wednesdays, we might need to reschedule the RC meetings to avoid conflict.

RESEARCH EVENTS:

- 994-Journeys with Brett Gunnink; November 28, 2023, 4-5pm; SUB Ballroom B
 - Student Research Celebration, November 29, 2023, 10:30-1:30pm; SUB Ballrooms
 - Federal Initiatives—White Papers due to VPRED, December 1, 5pm
 - Second Annual Research Development Day, Thursday January 11, 2024; Inspiration Hall
 - Undergraduate Research Fair, Monday January 22, 2024; 10:30-1:30pm; SUB Ballroom A
 - 994-Journeys with Yves Idzerda; January 30, 2023, 4-5pm; SUB 233
 - Spring Student Research Celebration; Thursday, April 25, 2024, SUB Ballrooms
 - A Celebration of MSU Research & Innovation, Thursday May 2nd, 2024
- Next Meeting: January 24, 2024 President's Conference Room