

Research Council Minutes

August 23, 2023
3:30-5 p.m.

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	Jonmichael Weaver
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

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- Approval of April 2023 Minutes- Dr. Mary Cloninger moved to approve, Dean Sreekala Bajwa seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
 - Introductions and news from the field (All)
 - New Research Council Member: Dr. Colter Ellis represents Faculty Senate.
 - Dean Craig Ogilvie shared 12 PhD students received the NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship which supports the recruitment and retention of minority graduate students.
 - Dr. Cloninger shared Dr. Valerie Copie got funded to add liquid helium recyclers to the NMR facility.
 - FY23 End of Year Reports and Highlights (Alison Harmon and Tawnya Morgan)
 - VP Harmon updated highlights on FY23 EOY reports. Proposals declining by 42% but the new award amount is up 66%. Positive changes in number of College & Unit Research expenditures.
 - VP Harmon shared the Commitment of FY23 RED actuals expenditures. The F&A distributed total was \$25,781,844.
 - Tawnya Morgan shared different buckets of support:
 - Faculty Support 13%
 - College/Institute Support 32%
 - Award 3%
 - Building Expenses 41%
 - Fixed Commitments 11%

- Research Administration (Sandy Sward)
 - Dr. Sandy Sward shared the OSP has several audits going on. The procedures/policies will be used to put together the best practices documents.
 - Leave Pool benefit estimates information has been sent out- Q&A session will be in Person on August 29th at the Procrastinator Theater.
 - Research Administration Software- The OSP has been working with a task force and Procurement to do a national RFP request for this proposal. In addition, creating a visual diagram to consider all functionality.

- Research Development (Liz Shanahan)
 - Internal Grant Opportunities
 - RFP is posted. S&C and REF are current. We will reimagine the HASS and will open that up in January. We are looking for someone to replace Francis Lefcort on the committee and more reviewers are needed.
 - Research Development Day is scheduled for January 11th, 2024. Asking for some ideas on what may want of this workshop. Different Workshop Sessions:
 1. Science Communication
 2. HASS “Big Reveal”
 3. Community Engagement Core
 4. TBD (suggestion on having a workshop on the ORD)
 5. Keynote Speaker: Erwin Gianchandani, Assistant Director of NSF TIP.

- Research Compliance (Kirk Lubick & Kristen Blacker)
 - Research Integrity & Compliance Conference will be held on October 18 & 19
 - Kristen Blacker updated the sustainable Laboratory Project – Office of the Research Compliance and Office of Sustainability partnered together and developed green lab programs, not only for chemical safety but for reducing building utility costs.

- Research Policy Update: Classification and Acceptance of External Funding (Gifts/Sponsored Programs) (Liz Shanahan, Camie Bechtold, Justin Arndt)
 - Proposed revised draft of Classification and Acceptance of External Funding before the University Council review. The purpose is to accurately classify external funding and have a proper compliance review.

- Graduate School: persistence, graduation and current enrollment (Craig Ogilvie)
 - Steady increases fall enrollment
 - Increase in doctoral students.
 - More than 95% 1st year retention
 - The number of students placed in University Housing has increased.

- Undergraduate Research: Plans and priorities for this academic year (Colin Shaw)
 - Dr. Colin Shaw updated about stipend increased since 2012.
 - Amanda Haab is appointed as Student Undergraduate Research Associate to help with student needs in Research.
 - Shelly Hogan, Director of McNair Scholar Program has stepped down.

- The Undergraduate Research program will be celebrating 30 years in January.
- Other announcements and September Agenda items
 - Dr. Shaw would like to update about the last year's Graduate Research report to summarize research funding.
- RESEARCH EVENTS:
 - Leave Pool Q&A, August 29, 1:30-2pm, Procrastinator Theatre
 - HASS Faculty Charette, September 14, 3:30-5pm, Leigh Lounge
 - OSP Roundtable, October 19, 10am, Procrastinator Theatre
 - Federal Initiatives Workshop with Strategic Marketing Innovations (SMI), Oct 12, 2023
 - Research Integrity & Compliance Conference October 18-19, 2023 (register now!)
 - State of MSU Research: a Big conversation about Big initiatives, Oct 27, 3-5pm, 2023
 - PI Training, November 7, 8:30am, Byker Auditorium
 - Lunch and Learn, A Case Study: *"Can I use Uber and stay at an Airbnb on my grant?" What MSU learned from the NSF OIG three-year audit*, November 14, Location TBD.
 - 2nd Annual Research Development Day, Thursday January 11, 2024

Next Meeting: Sept. 27, 2023, President's Conference Room