

Research Council Agenda
March 31, 2020
3:00pm – 4:00pm
WebEx

VOTING:

Jason Carter
Rollin Beamish
Mary Cloninger
Ron June
Brent Peyton/Robin Gerlach
Nic Rae
William Ruff

Alice Running
Colin Shaw
Nicole Tuss
Blake Wiedenheft
Carl Yeoman
Nicholas Childs

NON-VOTING:

Craig Ogilvie
Kearns, Chris/ Jim Mitchell
Leist, Terry
Mokwa, Robert/ Singel, David
Schmidt, Leslie
Hilmer, Jonathan
Jayne Morrow

VP Carter called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm

Minutes from last RC meeting and this meeting will be sent out to the next RC Meeting

1. Questions/feedback regarding Research Operations Levels
 - Regards to Level 2 plan approval, Ron June asked when to expect response email from Kirk Lubick. VP Carter confirmed that all the Level 2 plans submitted to Department Heads were approved. No other questions/feedback.
2. Session regarding mitigation strategies for field-work (Thurs, March 2 @ 11am)
 - Patrick Hatfield, Diane Debinski, VP Carter and a small team are getting together to find a way to mitigate the risk. Research Council members are invited to join if interested.
 - Researchers will be allowed to readdress the appendix of the Research Operations document at any time. Goal is to ensure that all faculty have the opportunity to conduct their research safely if deemed “essential” per guidelines.
 - There was a question on guidance for summer programs. VP Carter suggested to talk to agency program officers. They are being flexible and may extend the program to next year.
 - Mary Cloninger added for her program she expects NSF to provide a better guidance on what to do. VP Carter agreed that we should hear more guidance from NIH and NSF.
3. Proposed “Research Continuity” WebEx efforts
 - VP Carter plans to hold “Research Continuity” sessions via WebEx from 3 pm to 4 pm daily next week which center around four Grand Challenges. Faculty will have the opportunities to ask ORC, OSP and VP Carter directly about research activities with a few updates and Q&A. In addition to four Grand Challenges, Wednesday’s session will focus specifically on HASS research and scholarship.

4. Core Facilities report; Plan for remaining reports

- Mary Cloninger shared the overview from two listening sessions with Facility managers and directors. Everyone provided value and useful feedback and strongly support centralize model than user fees. There was a conversation on what would be logical to establish University Core Facility. For VPREDGE core facilities, an annual report and annual assessment will be expected. There was a discussion on how to demonstrate whether Core facilities are successful or not.
- Colin Shaw, Leslie Schmidt and Jonathan Hilmer confirmed that overall the centralized model is more popular. Leslie added that the Core facilities would like to see the inclusion on the pricing available on the ePCF so that they are properly funded.
- VP Carter committed to build the capacity of the Core Facilities and will continue to keep this High priority.

5. Other??

- VP Carter reported about research on COVID-19, and hopes to have some press releases soon with University Communications.
- VP Carter shared about \$100,000 award received from Murdock Trust for COVID research. He thanked the committee and concluded the meeting at 3:41 pm.

**Next Research Council Meeting: April 29th, 2020 4:00 pm
WebEx Meeting**