



University Research Council Meeting of October 15, 2021

Attendees:	Forrest Faison, Chair	
	Roman Kondratov (Ex-Officio Member)	
	Benjamin Ward (Ex-Officio Member)	
	Valentin Börner	Christopher Mallett
	Maria Gibson	Meshack Owino
	Tatyana Guzman	Antonie van den Bogert
	Thijs Heus	Adam Voight
	Rama Jayanti	
Absent/Excused:	Deirdre Mageean	Roland Pourdavood
	Gwendolyn Majette	Wei Wang
	Kevin O'Neill	Wei Zhang

Dr. Kondratov called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda for the October 15, 2021 Meeting
Approved and seconded as written
2. Approval of the Minutes of the September 10, 2021 Meeting
Approved and seconded as written
3. Office of Research Update
 - a. USRA Poster Session
 - The 2021 USRA poster session was the culmination of the 2020 and 2021 USRA programs, encompassing 65 posters
 - Approximately 100 Cleveland State undergraduate students, including McNair Scholars, showcased their research and creative activity
 - Despite uncertain times, the USRA program was successful in terms of student and faculty participation
 - There is a strong need to increase faculty voting participation for the best poster award
 - b. Graduate Faculty Research Support Program
 - The Office of Research received six applications for the month of September
 - URC members are reminded to encourage their colleagues to apply for GFSRP funding. Funds are distributed on a rolling basis as long as funds are available.

- c. NSF GFFP Workshop Series
 - The third edition of the NSF GRFP Workshop organized by Professor Shawn Ryan, and sponsored by the Office of Research, was held throughout September 2021 with 7 participants
 - The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship provides 3 years of full funding (Stipend + Tuition) for U.S. Citizen Graduate students (roughly 2000 awards given out per year)
 - d. Academic Server
 - Existing academic server is a legacy system that IS&T does not wish to maintain
 - The Office of Research is trying to understand the faculty usage and needs and what is the best route to provide that to faculty?
 - Qualtrics survey is being developed to gauge faculty usage and needs. URC members will receive the survey first and are asked to provide input before it is distributed to all faculty.
 - URC members stressed the need to keep the old server in place until a new resource is fully functional. URC members also expressed the need for updates to the research portion of the CAU website (academic server).
 - This issue will eventually be brought to the Research Challenge Committee
 - e. Foreign Influence at Research Institution: CITI Training
 - Foreign Influence/Foreign Conflict of Interest remains a topic of concern for federal agencies
 - CSU's conflict of interest form does not distinguish between domestic or foreign engagements/funding/support
 - As a proactive measure, the Office of Research has added a new module to our CITI training program to help researchers better understand foreign influence concerns. The training is voluntary as of now, but eventually completion of Foreign COI training will be required for certain grant applications.
 - f. University Academic Space Advisory Committee
 - The Office of Research has received a request from the Provost Office for a volunteer from the URC to serve on the University Academic Space Advisory Committee
 - The committee will evaluate all new space requests as well as requests for reassignment of space
 - URC members interested in serving on this committee should contact Roman
4. USRA Poster Session: Future Perspectives
- Cleveland Clinic Enterprise Analytics attended the poster session to recruit students for internships
 - Should the poster session transition into something more meaningful for students like an internship fair? Should invitations be extended to local businesses, government, Cleveland Clinic, etc.?
 - How should we advertise this event to reach every discipline?
 - URC members strongly support making these changes
 - URC members are encouraged to send their ideas and suggestions to the Office of Research
 - URC members agreed that the poster session should be extended to include all students participating in research throughout various disciplines at the university
 - There was a suggestion to increase student awareness by including students in the campus-wide announcements sent out prior to the poster session

5. Internal Awards: Open Discussion

a. Deadlines

- This agenda item was tabled for a future meeting

b. FRD Evaluation Criteria

- FRD is an investment mechanism to increase the external funding revenue. Therefore, emphasis should be on high risk/reward pilot projects, preliminary data acquisition, and long-term equipment investments.
- Proposed revisions include:
 - Only allow one submission to FRD and FSI should be allowed per cycle
 - Eliminate summer salary
 - Change the rubric to emphasize the need for clear adherence to guidelines
- Due to time constraints, this discussion will be continued during the next URC meeting

6. Agenda for the Next Meeting

a. New Business

- No new business was discussed

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.