

## **University Research Council Meeting of November 28, 2023**

**Attendees:** Meredith Bond, Chair

Roman Kondratov (Ex-Officio Member) Benjamin Ward (Ex-Officio Member)

David Choi Roland Pourdavood

Maria Gibson Eran Rubin
Tatyana Guzman Eric Schearer
Meshack Owino Wei Zhang

**Absent/Excused:** Valentin Börner

Adam Voight Doug Wajda

Dr. Kondratov called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of the Agenda for the November 28, 2023 Meeting Approved and seconded as written
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Meeting Approved and seconded as written
- 3. Office of Research Updates
  - a. URC Policy Updates
    - The 30-day review period is over, and the new policy is no longer available on the site for comments
    - The policy should be formally approved at the beginning of the spring semester
    - The new policy will go into effect for the fall semester, where the new council will consist of two representatives from each of the six colleges, along with three at-large representatives elected by their peers
  - b. Budget Update
    - No major updates on the budget since the budget office has not yet finalized the Research office budget allocations
  - c. Internal Programs
    - The FRD awards have been increased to \$40,000 for the 2024-2025 internal award cycle, which will allow 4-5 FRD proposals to be funded

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- The FSI awards will remain at \$7,500 for this cycle, which will allow at least 10 proposals to be funded
- The number of USRA proposals the Office will Research will be able to fund will be determined by the final budget allocation decisions
- The GFRSP is still paused, but the goal is to resume the program in the spring
- Expired grants and unspent funds are swept at the end of the award cycle
- The Office of Research will start strictly enforcing the six-month maximum extension rule

## 4. Research Grant Incentives

- Many universities use incentive programs to increase grant productivity, and these programs are well-received by faculty
- With the current university culture, one large grant is sufficient and there is no incentive to obtain multiple large grants
- The Office of Research is in the beginning stages of researching this idea and creating a policy for CSU faculty
- One possible option is to award a stipend the following academic year, with the stipend expiring at the end of the grant
- An incentive program will be beneficial to the university in a multitude of ways. Increased grant activity will also lead to a better pool of graduate students
- URC members are encouraged to send Roman ideas and suggestions for increasing grant productivity in every college

## 5. Open Discussion

- Due to time constraints, this agenda item was tabled until the next meeting
- 6. Agenda for the Next Meeting
  - a. New Business
    - No new business was discussed

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.