



USF Senate Research Council

Minutes

April 29, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Hybrid meeting via MS Teams

In-Person, USFRI Multipurpose Room

Attendance

Council Members: John Adams (Past Chair), Ponrathi Athilingam, Feng Cheng, Elizabeth Hadley, Ganesh Halade, Richard Heller (Chair), Matthew Johnson, James Leahy, Mark Luther, Kersuze Simeon-Jones, David Simmons (Vice-Chair), Emily Shaffer-Hudkins, Kristina Schmidt, Marilyn Stern

Council Members Not Attending: Kelli Barr, Kristian Lynch, Jenny Qin, Taryn Sabia

Invited Guests and Other Participants: Eddie Aikins, Judi Dorn, John Johnson, Sandra Johnson-Austin, Tina Lucas, Allison Madden, Stephanie Rios

1. Call to Order, Review of Agenda

David Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Interdisciplinary Research Awards (IDRA) Continued Discussion

- a. Discussion of 36 IDRA proposals.
- b. Five proposals awarded with the possibility of one more depending on funding.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: April 1, 2024, and April 15, 2024, Meetings
After having no changes to the minutes Chair Heller requested a motion for approval. Motion was seconded and were approved.

4. Summary of Research Council activities for previous year

- a. Richard Heller gave a summary of past activities of the previous year. Bull Marketplace was discussed, an item to be followed up on.
- b. Discussed the importance of faculty participation in a summer research project.
- c. Discussed proposal for core and shared facilities to build infrastructure.
- d. Suggested to send an email to council members with proposed next steps.
- e. Discussion of challenges with summer research funding and potential solutions.

5. Next Term Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations

- a. Motion to elect Richard Heller for second term, motion seconded, all approved.
- b. Motion to elect Ganesh Halade for Chair-Elect, motion seconded, all approved.

6. Outstanding Research Achievement Awards (ORAA) Nominations Review

- a. Discussion of ORAA award **42** nominations.
- b. Motion to recommend **26** awardees for 2024 ORAA, seconded, carried: all approved.

7. Other Business

- a. To maintain momentum, Chair Heller suggested the Research Council convene in the summer, potentially hybrid to facilitate participation.
Action: Follow up on who can participate and create sub-committee.

Having no further business or discussion, Chair Heller adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Next Research Council meeting date: TBD