



USF Senate Research Council
Minutes
November 4, 2024
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Hybrid meeting via MS Teams
In-Person, USFRI Multipurpose Room

Attendance

Council Members

Feng Chang, Elizabeth Hadley, Ganesh Halade, Richard Heller, James Leahy, Mark Luther, Uma Nair Kyle Reed, Xizhen Qin, David Simmons, Marilyn Stern, Zafer Unal, Catherine Wilkins

Not Attended

Matthew Johnson, Taryn Sabia, Kristina Schmidt, Kersuze Simeon-Jones

Invited Guests and Other Participants

Eddie Aikins, Norma Alcantar, John Johnson, Sandra Johnson Austin, Sandra Justice (Ex Officio), Eric Kern, Tina Lucas, Mark McLaughlin, Jason Ramage, Benjamin Shnitser, Sylvia Thomas (Ex Officio), Karen Walker

1. Call to Order

Dr. Heller called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2024, meetings

Motion to approve by Dr. Simmons, seconded by Dr. Stern, All approved

3. Institutional Research Core Facility Applications

- a. Discussion of refining the evaluation process for the applications
- b. First round looking at which cores meet the criteria
- c. Suggested that the whole council review the applications
- d. RFP for invited full applications to go out in January due by April 2025

4. Conclude Discussion on Internal Grant Program

- a. Discussion of other internal awards
- b. New Researcher Grant (NRG) award guidelines discussed. Announcement to go out November 6 with a deadline of January 10, 2025, and review at the January 27, 2025, meeting
- c. Vote not needed for the NRG since it was voted and approved at the September 9 RC meeting
- d. Discussion of the Interdisciplinary Center Planning Grant (ICPG) evaluations. Reviews to be sometime in February 2025
- e. Discussion of the Multi-User Capital Research Investment Award (MuRCIA), Award opened October 28, 2024, with a deadline of February 10, 2025. Reviews to be held in March 2025
- f. Discussion of should the Faculty International Travel Grant (FITG) be brought back. Guidelines to be discussed at the next RC meeting
- g. Discussion of should the Proposal Enhancement Grant (PEG) be brought back. Guidelines to be discussed at the next RC meeting

5. Other Business

- a. Dr. Thomas proposed presenting a research financial analysis to the Research Council at the December 2, 2024, meeting

6. Having completed its agenda, the Council adjourned at 11:52 a.m.