



USF Senate Research Council Minutes

September 23, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Hybrid meeting via MS Teams

In-Person, USFRI Multipurpose Room

Attendance

Council Members

Feng Chang, Elizabeth Hadley, Ganesh Halade, Kristina Schmidt, David Simmons, Zafer Unal, Xizhen Qin, Uma Nair

Not Attending

Richard Heller, Matthew Johnson, James Leahy, Mark Luther, Taryn Sabia, Kersuze Simeon-Jones, Marilyn Stern, Catherine Wilkins

Invited Guests and Other Participants

Eddie Aikins, Keith Anderson (Ex Officio), Ross DuBose, John Johnson, Saundra Johnson Austin, Sandra Justice (Ex Officio), Eric Kern, Tina Lucas, Allison Madden, Jason Ramage, Stephanie Rios, Benjamin Shnitser, Sylvia Thomas (Ex Officio)

1. Call to Order

Dr. Ganesh Halade called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Sept 9, 2024, Meeting

- a. Minutes not discussed or approved, set to approve at the October 7, 2024, meeting.

3. Conference Awards

- a. Discussion of refining the evaluation criteria and application process for Conference Grant guidelines.
- b. Key points included ensuring applicants address specific evaluation criteria, such as adherence to guidelines and cost effectiveness, and making the application form more user-friendly with clear sections for each criterion.
- c. Motion duly made, seconded, and carried; resolved, the Conference Awards guidelines, approved to released.

4. Capital Enhancement Grants – Add to agenda for 10/7/24 Meeting.

- a. Discussion of these smaller scale capital grants.
- b. Council discussing the details of the guidelines and agreed to change the title to, Multi-User Capital Research Investment Award (MuRCIA).
- c. The MuRCIA will strengthen research across the one USF.
- d. Set to finalize the guidelines at the October 7, 2024, meeting.

5. Interdisciplinary Center Planning Grant (ICPG) Refinements if time permits.

- a. No time permitted, set to discuss at next October 7, 2024, meeting.

6. Having completed its agenda, the Council adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

7. Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2024.