



University Research Council Meeting of September 10, 2021

Attendees:

Forrest Faison, Chair
Roman Kondratov (Ex-Officio Member)
Benjamin Ward (Ex-Officio Member)

Maria Gibson	Antonie van den Bogert
Tatyana Guzman	Adam Voight
Thijs Heus	Wei Wang
Deirdre Mageean	Wei Zhang
Meshack Owino	

Absent/Excused:

Valentin Börner	Christopher Mallett
Rama Jayanti	Kevin O'Neill
Gwendolyn Majette	Roland Pourdavood

Dr. Faison called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda for the September 10, 2021 Meeting
Approved and seconded as written
2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2021 Meeting
Approved and seconded as written
3. Welcome by Dr. C. Forrest Faison, MD, SVP for Research and Innovation and Chief Health Strategy Officer
4. Introduction of URC Members
 - Drs. Maria Gibson, Tatyana Guzman, and Wei Zhang were introduced as new URC members
5. CSU Update
 - a. Jobs Ohio Agreement
 - Total award is \$565 million over 10 years
 - CSU will get \$20 million with a \$20 million match over 20 years
 - CSU will be responsible for creating the talent
 - 19 degree programs will produce 9,506 graduates, which is double the current rate
 - 3,500 certificates will also be produced over the next 10 years to support our partners, help upskill the current workforce, or help reskill the unemployed.
 - In order to grow these degree programs, CSU must:
 - Grow their infrastructure and support services

- Invest in equipment and additional support staff
 - Renovate research labs and increase space available for research labs
 - Invest in more support for research and grants management
 - Add more residence halls and student support services
 - Hire more faculty
 - b. CSU 2.0
 - Will kick off with 24 priorities being addressed by workgroups
 - More information on CSU 2.0 will be announced soon
 - c. Urban Health Consortium
 - CSU has partnered with MetroHealth, CWRU, University Hospitals, and the Cleveland Clinic in response to a multidisciplinary need to come together and solve how to approach urban public health
 - Urban Public Health Consortium has been established to grow research and identify collaborative opportunities
 - Working with CWRU to create a virtual diabetes management system using available remote technology to help get the health crisis under control
 - CSU redesigned the Pathways to Practice Program to provide more opportunities to minority students. Students will now be partnered with and mentored by physicians from area hospitals.
6. Office of Research Update
- a. Internal Awards
 - For the 2021-2022 award cycle, the Office of Research awarded:
 - 7 FRD awards
 - 16 FSI awards
 - 20 GSRA awards
 - 40 USRA awards
 - The 2021 USRA poster session will be held in the Student Center Atrium on Thursday, September 23 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.
 - 100 CSU undergraduate students will share their research and creative activity through print posters and discussions
 - b. Graduate Faculty Research Support Program
 - The Office of Research has received two applications for GFRSP funding for FY22
 - Both applications were funded
 - Applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis
 - c. NSF GRFP Workshop Series
 - The Office of Research is sponsoring a Workshop Series on the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program hosted by Dr. Shawn Ryan, an associate professor in the Mathematics Department
 - Two CSU students from a previous workshop received NSF fellowships, which include a \$34,000 annual stipend for three years of graduate school
 - d. Faculty Meetup Series
 - Should the Office of Research reinstitute the Faculty Meetup Series to encourage and establish multidisciplinary collaborations?
 - For the purpose of CSU 2.0, URC members thought it would be beneficial for URC to help facilitate targeted conversations between different units on campus

- URC members are encouraged to send Roman their feedback and ideas on this topic for further discussion during the next URC meeting
- e. Foreign Influence at Research Institutions: CITI Training
- Several funding agencies are developing polices related to foreign influence
 - In order to be compliant, CSU will offer online training for faculty
- f. Research Challenge Committee
- The Office of Research has reinstated the Research Challenge Committee (RCC) to address issues and limitations impacting active research at the university
 - The charge of the RCC is to address problems faced by the faculty involved in funded research, the improvement of the research enterprise and environment at our University, and to advise the Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation and other administrative officers on matters of University policy and its implementation that can and should be changed to facilitate research.
7. Open Discussion: Faculty PI Account
- Agenda item was tabled for a later meeting
8. Open Discussion: Faculty Productivity
- URC members were asked to provide alternative ways to evaluate faculty productivity
 - Suggestions included publications, patents/royalties, eFAAR accomplishments. The challenge of establishing discipline-independent metrics was noted.
 - The discussion will be continued during a future meeting
9. Agenda for the Next Meeting
- a. New Business
- No new business was discussed

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.