



## University Research Council Meeting of November 12, 2021

<b>Attendees:</b>	Meredith Bond, Chair	
	Roman Kondratov (Ex-Officio Member)	
	Benjamin Ward (Ex-Officio Member)	
	Valentin Börner	Meshack Owino
	Maria Gibson	Adam Voight
	Tatyana Guzman	Wei Wang
	Thijs Heus	Wei Zhang
	Deirdre Mageean	
<b>Absent/Excused:</b>	Rama Jayanti	Kevin O'Neill
	Gwendolyn Majette	Roland Pourdavood
	Christopher Mallett	Antonie van den Bogert

Dr. Kondratov called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda for the November 12, 2021 Meeting  
Approved and seconded as written
2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2021 Meeting  
URC members requested one minor revision to the minutes, so the minutes will need to be approved during the first spring URC meeting.
3. Welcome New VP for Research, Dr. Meredith Bond
  - Dr. Meredith Bond was introduced as the new Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation
4. Office of Research Update
  - a. Graduate Faculty Research Support Program
    - The Office of Research received two applications for the month of October
    - 40% of available funds have been spent to date
    - URC members are reminded to encourage their colleagues to apply for GFSRP funding. Funds are distributed on a rolling basis as long as funds are available.
  - b. Academic Server
    - Funding to upgrade academic server was approved by David Jewell on October 11
    - Project kickoff meeting was held on November 2
    - Scope is to replace research aspects of Academic server (not classroom/teaching resources)
    - Target for launch date of site is late January/early February 2022

5. Grant Tuition Program
  - The Office of Research has re-instated the Graduate Tuition Program
  - The purpose of the program is the grow and promote research
  - Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis
  - The Office of Research has already received several applications for this program
  
6. Internal Awards: Open Discussion
  - a. FRD Evaluation Criteria Revision
    - URC members engaged in a discussion regarding potential revisions to the FRD program, including the evaluation criteria
    - The revised rubric will be circulated to URC members via email, and URC members will need to indicate whether or not they support these changes
    - Due to time limitations, this discussion will be continued during the next URC meeting
  
7. Dates and Times for Spring URC Meetings
  - A doodle poll for the spring URC meetings will be sent out soon, and prompt responses would be appreciated
  - URC members were reminded that attendance is required for spring URC meetings as participation is crucial when determining funding decisions
  
8. Agenda for the Next Meeting
  - a. New Business
    - No new business was discussed

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.