

**University Research Council
Meeting of November 5, 2024**

Attendees: Nigamanth Sridhar, Chair
Roman Kondratov (Ex-Officio Member)
Benjamin Ward (Ex-Officio Member)

Chien, Steven	Ning, Liquan
Choi, David	Rubin, Eran
Collins, Cyleste	Schearer, Eric
DeBoth Foust, Kelle	Souther, Mark
Espy, Debbie	Sun, Xue-Long
Kumar, Sathish	Voight, Adam
Lovell, Rachel	Wajda, Doug

Absent/Excused: Collins, Lauren Resnick, Andy

Dr. Kondratov called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda
Approved and seconded as written

2. Approval of the Minutes of the September 27, 2024 Meeting
Approved and seconded as written

3. Office of Research Updates
 - a. Budget Update
 - There will not be any changes to the internal award programs for FY25
 - b. Internal Award Programs
 - The deadline for all internal award proposals is Monday, February 3, since February 1 falls on a Saturday this year
 - FSI, FRD, and GSRA programs will now run May 15 of the same year to May 15 of the subsequent year
 - There will be three meetings in the spring: the first meeting will be to distribute review assignments, the second meeting will be to review FSI proposals, and the final meeting will be to review FRD and GSRA proposals.
 - The FSI evaluation criteria will need to be updated for the next round of funding. URC members are encouraged to send Roman any suggestions for a more comprehensive evaluation.
 - c. PI Accounts
 - Guidelines for PI accounts have been posted on the SPRS section of the Office of Research website
 - The guidelines include recommendations from URC members

- d. Faculty Research Offset Program
 - The guidelines, along with two forms, have been developed for this new program
 - The program will be announced and after it has presented to chairs and deans
 - The deadline for the fall semester is November 15, and April 15 for the spring semester
 - Questions regarding the program should be directed to either AVP Roman Kondratov or SPRS Director Teri Kocevar

4. Research Computing at CSU
 - To support the increasing need for computational capabilities on campus, the Viking Cluster is now available for a wide variety of supercomputing tasks. The cluster consists of 6 nodes with state of the art CPUs and GPUs, plus 300TB of backup storage of research data. Most common software packages are available or can be installed as required. All research faculty and their research students are eligible for an account.
 - For support with accessing the Viking Cluster, or to learn about computing resources at the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) for research and classroom purposes, please contact Center for Applied Data Analysis and Modeling (ADAM) co-directors Dr. Shawn Ryan (Mathematics and Applied Statistics) or Dr. Thijs Heus (Physics).

5. Research Strategic Goals
 - The Strategic Planning Task Force is seeking feedback, and URC members are encouraged to look at the materials on the website and provide feedback
 - The plan will be presented at the November 21 Board of Trustees meeting for approval
 - Research will be part of the next phase of the plan
 - URC members will be instrumental in helping connect research to goals
 - URC members need to be the eyes and ears of their respective colleges
 - To help with peer accountability, the goal would be to move to a two-tier evaluation system for internal award reviews. Proposal evaluations would be done by faculty experts, with URC members having the final say.
 - This discussion will continue during the February URC meeting
 - High level conversations about the state of research at the university are also forthcoming
 - Dr. Sridhar will come to the February meeting prepared for a more in-depth conversation

6. Agenda for the Next Meeting
 - a. New Business
 - URC members discussed who should be allowed to be the PI on grants
 - URC members agreed that adjunct faculty should not be allowed to be the PI on grants
 - Emeritus/Emerita Faculty applying for grants must have a full-time faculty member as the lead PI
 - The Office of Research will develop guidelines to be discussed during a future meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.