

## University Research Council Meeting of February 11, 2025

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

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

**Absent/Excused:** Rubin, Eran                      Uz, Metin

**Guest:** Shawn Ryan, Department of Mathematics and Statistics; ADAM Co-Director

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 November 5, 2024 Meeting  
Approved and seconded as written
3. Research Computing at CSU
  - HPC Computing Options Available to Faculty:
    - Viking Cluster (CPU/GPU) – housed in Rhodes Tower
    - MRI HPC Cluster (GPU) – housed in College of Engineering
    - Ohio Supercomputing Center (OSC) – housed in Columbus
  - Features of Viking Cluster
    - Open to all CSU Faculty
    - Students can gain access through advisors
    - Data is completely backed up on the cluster and sharable among users
    - Maintenance/downtime is done as a group with some help from IS&T
    - Faculty who contribute through startup or grants have priority in the queue, but currently very minimal waits
  - Directions on how to access the Viking Cluster are on the ADAM Center Webpage
  - Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science students are available to assist users

4. Hiring on Soft Money
  - Teri Kocevar, Director, SPRS, provided an overview of the process of hiring on soft money and startups
  - A fillable form was created to assist with the process
  - The ATH Request Form, templates of job descriptions, guidance on salary grades, and an overview of the process will be added to the Research website
  - Negotiations with candidates will be managed by HR
  - Only minimum qualifications count for salary grades
  
5. Office of Research Updates
  - a. FORCH Program
    - The Faculty Offset Research Credit Hour (FORCH) Program is now active, and the guidelines and application materials have been added to the Research website
  
6. Assignment of Reviewers for Internal Award Programs
  - a. Assigning Reviewers for FSI, FRD, and GSRA Proposals
  - b. Deadlines for Submission of Evaluation Forms to the Office of Research
    - The Office of Research will follow the same detailed timeline as previous years for announcing and publicizing the internal funding opportunities
    - The schedule for this year is as follows:
      - Wednesday, March 5: FSI reviews due to the Office of Research
      - Friday, March 7, 10:30 –12:30 pm: URC meeting to review FSI proposals
      - Thursday, March 12: FRD and GSRA reviews due to the Office of Research
      - Friday, March 17, 1:30 – 3:30 pm: URC meeting to review FRD and GSRA proposals
  
7. Agenda for the Next Meeting
  - The meeting to review FSI proposals has been scheduled for Friday, March 7, from 10:30 am-12:30 pm
  - a. New Business
    - No new business was discussed

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.