

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2020

Meeting conducted by Zoom

Attended by: Iris Fineberg - Chair (School of Social Welfare), Chris Kretz (Library),
Brittain Mahaffey (Psychiatry), Anne McElroy (SoMAS)

The committee was invited to have a representative on the taskforce being created by the VP of Research, Richard Reeder, for creating a plan for restarting research at SBU in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Anne McElroy is already taking part on the task force and thus will represent this committee as well.

Discussed the Office of the VP for Research (OVPR) Town Hall hosted by Rich Reeder on April 15, 2020. Some of the points that were noted:

- The No cost extensions are anticipated, but no additional funds
- Legislation being crafted
- IRB – expediting COVID applications
- What research will be allowed to start first
- Concerns about fieldwork
- When people can order animals for lab research

Someone noted that some Research Assistants are being shifted to work on COVID research