

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)

Meeting Minutes

February 16th, 2023

Meeting conducted by Zoom

Members in Attendance: Brittain Mahaffey (Psychiatry & Behavioral Health), Clara Tran (Libraries), Soosan Ghazizadeh (Oral Biology & Pathology), Shipra Agrawal (SoM), Mark Chambers (Africana Studies), Jason Trelewicz (Mat. Science & Engineering)

Also in Attendance: Jerome Liang (SoM)

Guest Speaker: None

Minutes reviewed and approved from December 2023

Old Business-

Review of Draft Letter to Provost on Library Funding:

- Reviewed committee concerns with regards to adequate funding of libraries collections and Elsevier Big Deal concerns.
- Committee suggesting collection of quotes and or survey data on faculty pain points to supplement letter.
- Consider discussing with provost barriers to funding library collections prior to issuing letter.
- Co-chairs to draft short faculty survey and share with committee prior to distribution.

New Business-

- Reminded committee of upcoming vacancy of Brittain Mahaffey's co-chair seat in Fall 2024. Encouraged committee members to consider running.
- Discussed issues with retention of faculty, particularly of junior faculty. Potential areas for improving retention identified including:
 - Revision of IDC policy,
 - Offering matching funds for junior faculty bringing in R01s or large grants
 - Addressing research infrastructure issues including both physical infrastructure, technological infrastructure and pre/post award support staff.
 - Consider inviting Dr. Reeder for March/April meeting as he has returned as interim VPR

2023-2024 Meeting Dates:

September 8th

October 13th (canceled)

November 10th (Miguel Garcia-Diaz, VPR, will be the guest speaker)

December 8th (Jamie Saragossi, Interim Associate Dean of Collection Strategy and Management, will be the guest speaker)

February 16th

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th (Dr. Carl Lejuez, Provost)