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University Senate Research Committee (USRC)
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2024
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Meeting conducted by Zoom

Attended by: Qiaojie Xiong (Neurobiology and Behavior), Mark Chambers (Africana Studies & History), Shipra Agrawal (Department of Medicine), Roger Sher (Neurobiology and Behavior), Thomas Robertazzi (Electrical Engineering), Jerome Liang (Radiology), Pamela Ginex (School of Nursing), Yong Chen (School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences), Glen Itzkowitz (SoM Asso Dean, Research Facilities & Operations)
Russell Erfan (Student Representative); Ammar Gondal (Student Representative);

Guest: Dr. Gardner (VPR) and Susan Gasparo

Agenda Items
Approval of November meeting minutes – Approved
Introduction and Conversation with Dr. Gardner (VPR) and Susan Gasparo

Topics
Susan gave a brief overview of SBU international travel policy and process

Q&R:
1. Consideration on non-public information regarding to international conferences
   1) whether or not it is information has been or intended to be published publicly
   2) whether there is defense component
   3) location of the conference
   4) case by case for review depending on funding source

2. Restricted persons or entities
   1) A full list from ORS webpage
   2) Varies from time to time

3. Hiring from foreign countries
   1) depends on the lab research field
   2) depends on the funding

4. No restriction for personal travel
   Concur report for non-reimburse conference/seminar international travel

5. International student travel before 2025 spring semester
   1) department/program warnings for the students
   2) so far no from the university

6. Restrictions of international funding resource
   1) different funding agencies published different policies

2) most of them require transparency
3) depends on the research program and the project

7. Foreign exchange students or other trainees (e.g. foreign government supported researchers)
1) open for global intellectual engagement
2) support for developing connections

8. International collaboration
1) depends on funding agencies
2) depends on the research programs
3) contribution clarification in publications

9. Review process
1) ERM checks all safety
2) OVPR reviews research security and export control

University Travel Policy

https://www.stonybrook.edu/policy/_pdf/university_travel_policy.pdf

Research Security Program

https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/research_security/Sponsor_Risk_Reviews/NIH_Risk

https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/research_security/Sponsor_Risk_Reviews/NSF_RiskMatrix

https://www.stonybrook.edu/sbroot/policy/_pdf/policy_on_policies.pdf

Remaining Meetings for 2024-2025

February 14, 2025   Dr. Kevin Gardner (VPR)

March 14, 2025

April 11, 2025

May 9, 2025