

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2019

Attending: Ruben De Man (Undergraduate Student Representative), Jeffrey Edwards (Philosophy), Iris Fineberg: Chair (School of Social Welfare), Chris Kretz (Library), Marci Lobel (Psychology), Brittain Mahaffey (Psychiatry), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Thomas Robertazzi (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Jessica Tang (Undergraduate Student Representative), Xiaoqing Zhang (Graduate Student Representative), Wei Zhu (Applied Mathematics and Statistics)

Invited guests: Heath Martin (Library) and Mona Ramonetti (Library)

(1) Introduction of new committee members

(2) Elsevier publisher contract – Heath Martin provided information to the committee on the situation with the Elsevier contract with SUNY that expires on December 31, 2019. A Powerpoint presentation outlined the major issues; the contract is extremely expensive and may not be renewed.

(3) Renewal of the SBU Open Access policy – Mona Ramonetti presented information about the renewal of the SBU Open Access policy. The library is aiming to renew the policy in its current form. UUP has suggested some wording changes; the changes would lead the policy to be essentially an “opt in” policy rather than the current version that sets open access manuscript submission as the expectation. The committee is being asked to provide indication of support in the coming couple of months for either the renewal of the policy in its current form or renewal of the policy with revised wording.