

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)
Meeting Minutes
February, 10th 2023

Meeting conducted by Zoom

Members in Attendance: Brittain Mahaffey (Psychiatry/Psychology), Jason Trelewicz (Materials Science), Sylvia Wood (School of Nursing), Chloe Nevers (UG Rep, CHE major), Clara Tran (Libraries, Science and Engineering), Soosan Ghazizadeh (Dental School), Mark Chambers (History), Jeffery Edwards (Philosophy)

Also in Attendance: Iris Fineberg (School of Social Welfare), Jerome Liang (School of Medicine)

Minutes reviewed and approved from December 2022

Discussion of Old Business

- No updates from library on need for letter from committee to support changes to Elsevier subscriptions—will follow up on this.
- Discussed meeting with ARC faculty on concerns related to grant presubmission and postsubmission requirements. Jason and Brittain met with Senate Executive Committee members - Stephen Walker (Associate Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Oral Biology and Pathology) and Vitaly Citovsky (Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology) in December. Primary concerns raised related to MyResearch and inefficiencies in presubmission process related to budgets and other concerns. Will follow up on these concerns with Dr. Reeder at future meeting and discuss possible further action (e.g., faculty survey).
- Discussion of barriers to organizing/paying for conferences/meetings—to revisit in the future related to whom to invite to discuss.

New Business

- Unable to use Off campus IDC Rates—Brief discussion of need to consider rates, use of outside rates and how IDC money is redistributed to faculty. Consider addressing with Dr. Reeder.
- Interdisciplinary collaboration—no updates on tiger teams, university efforts to facilitate collaboration remain unclear. Consider invitation of provost to future meeting to discuss.