

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2020

Meeting conducted by Zoom

Attended by: Jeffrey Edwards (Philosophy), Iris Fineberg: Chair (School of Social Welfare), Marci Lobel (Psychology), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Thomas Robertazzi (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Tzu-Chieh Wei (Physics and Astronomy), Wei Zhu (Applied Mathematics and Statistics).

Apologies: Christ Kretz (Library)

1. The new members of the Committee have not been announced yet by the University Senate. We anticipate welcoming them at next month's meeting.
2. OVPR Seed Grant Reviewer opportunity – The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) is seeking additional reviewers to assess the recent round of Seed Grant applications. The USRC Chair had suggested to the OVPR that USRC members would be fitting reviewers. This suggestion was very positively received by the OVPR, and USRC members are encouraged to contact the Chair or the OVPR if they are interested in being reviewers.
3. Guest: Mandy Frantz, Research Development Specialist - Office of Proposal Development (OPD). Topic: Introduction and overview of PIVOT system (Powerpoint presentation and discussion). The PIVOT system's main use for finding research funding opportunities.
4. New Business
  - a. Dr. Rich Reeder, the VPR, is scheduled to join our November meeting.