



RESEARCH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: 4.12.18

Start Time: 11:00am Adjournment Time: 11:25am

Location: Sandel Hall, Room 236

CHAIR	Sami Nazzal
SECRETARY	Jana Sutton
ATTENDEES	Jeffrey Anderson, Joydeep Bhattacharjee, Judith Kalinich, Siva Murru, Neil White (late due to conflictual meeting), Karen Witek
ABSENT (excused)	Katherine Boswell, Michael Chenoweth, Khalid El Sayed, David Irwin, Megan Lowe, Paul Wiedemeier
ABSENT (other)	Madison Bonnette, Richard Thurkill
GUESTS	None

AGENDA

1. Attendance: Nazzal took roll.
2. Minutes: Bhattacharjee motioned to approve the March 22, 2018 minutes as submitted by Sutton. Motion was seconded by Anderson. Nazzal will email members for the vote.
3. New/Old Business (preparation for our final May meeting):

Nazzal updated the council on the inability to complete the website or office 365 projects by the end of the academic year, but encouraged all members to provide input into the 9 opinion documents so that they could be finalized. Anderson motioned for Nazzal to post the 9 opinion documents one last time, request input, make the requested edits, and then call for the vote to finalize the 9 opinion documents. After finalization the opinion documents will be forwarded to OSPR and Dr. Sutherlin. Motion was seconded by Bhattacharjee.

Nazzal requested that all members provide input into the research week events, so that improvements could be suggested by the council to the task force. Lack of faculty encouragement for students' attendance and lack of sufficient promotion were offered as barriers to success of research week. Murru suggested that emerging scholars should be required to present their scholarship at research week. Bhattacharjee agreed. Weidemeier will begin the said opinion document to request feedback on all of the above, as well as the wisdom of moving the task force under the auspices of either the research council or the office of sponsored programs and research.



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Nazzal will invite Dr. Sutherlin to the final meeting of the academic year so that the council may field questions about the council and how it can continue to best serve the university.