



RESEARCH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: 5.3.18

Start Time: 11:05am Adjournment Time: 12:10pm

Location: Sandel Hall, Room 236

CHAIR	Sami Nazzal
SECRETARY	Jana Sutton
ATTENDEES	Jeffrey Anderson, Joydeep Bhattacharjee, Michael Chenoweth, Khalid El Sayed, Judith Kalinich, Megan Lowe, Siva Murru, Neil White, Karen Witek
ABSENT (excused)	Katherine Boswell, David Irwin, Paul Wiedemeier
ABSENT (other)	Madison Bonnette, Richard Thurlkill
GUESTS	John Sutherlin

AGENDA

1. Attendance: Nazzal took roll.
2. Minutes: Anderson motioned to approve the April 12, 2018 minutes as submitted by Sutton. Motion was seconded by Bhattacharjee. Nazzal will email members for the vote. Nazzal stated that minutes from the last meeting (March 22, 2018) were approved via email voting.
3. Discussion with John Sutherlin:

Dr. Sutherlin discussed the council's importance to OSPR, along with IRB. He announced the return of indirect costs to PIs, allocated quarterly. He discussed the reduction of paperwork, for PI ease. Budget and PRAF forms have been reduced to one page. He also discussed the notification of Dean's Offices when PIs submit their intent forms. This will assist in academic offices being aware of PI grant writing endeavors and schedules.

Chenoweth asked how long PIs have to spend their IC. Sutherlin responded that IC can be spent whenever needed. They are not limited to fiscal or academic years. He even noted that it is possible for IC to be spent in advance and OSPR reimbursed when IC are made available to PIs.

Bhattacharjee asked about the vision Dr. Sutherlin has for the council. Sutherlin responded that he sees the council as an advisory board on issues such as encouraging and supporting faculty (including endowed chairs and professors) to increase their research and scholarship (i.e., buy-out time), grants, contracts for service, technology transfer, protecting intellectual property, commercializing, patents, and copyrighting.



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Sutton asked about the council's membership and about acceptable methods of hosting meetings. Sutherlin responded that he would like most majors to be represented but that he encourages the council to submit recommendations to him, both for individual members and changes to membership requirements in general. He reported being willing to support the council with changes that will facilitate it accomplishing its mission and goals. Sutherlin stated that the council can conduct online meetings and voting. Kalinch volunteered to send the beginning and end dates of each members' term so Sutton and Nazzal can be aware of whose terms are coming to an end this semester.

Nazzal asked about the authority of the council. Sutherlin responded that the council has an advisory role in affecting/creating research-related policy and programming, from the perspective of researchers. Examples provided were the emerging scholars program and increasing scholarship opportunities for the scholars and/or the creation of new programming for that purpose such as through the use of micro grants.