



## Research Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

October 5, 2021, 2 – 3 p.m.

Zoom

Minutes taken by Vilma Mesa

### Agenda Items

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions to RAC members.

- Yulia Sevryugina, Chair
  - Chemistry Librarian, Library
- Rebecca Cunningham
  - Vice President for Research, Office of the Vice President for Research
- Jessica Durkin
  - Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice President for Research
- Hui Deng
  - Prof. of Physics
- Vania Hinkovska-Galcheva
  - Research Assistant Prof., Medical School
- Marouane Kessentini
  - College of Engineering and Computer Science, UM-Dearborn
- Allen Liu
  - Associate Professor in Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering, SACUA liaison
- Suresh Madathilparambil
  - Assistant Research Professor, Acute Care Surgery
- Vilma Mesa
  - Prof. School of Education and Mathematics
- Robert Ploutz-Snyder
  - Research Prof., School of Nursing
- Vitaly Popov
  - Assistant Professor of Learning Health Sciences
- Nathan Qi
  - Associate Research Scientist, Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology
- Mohamad Tiba
  - Research Associate Prof, Department of Emergency Medicine
- David Cooper
  - Undergraduate student, Chemistry



- Vaibhav Khanna
  - Graduate student, Chemistry
  
- 2. **Schedule of meetings this semester** (You should have received the calendar invites with the Zoom links from Luke)
  - Monday, **November 14**, 11am-12pm
  - Monday, **December 12**, 11am-12pm
  
- 3. **Orientation to how we'll run our RAC meetings**
  - Generally, follow [Robert's Rules](#)
  - Sensitive data or topics may be discussed - Confidentiality
  - RAC members are valued sources of information and advisory to the Vice President for Research (Rebecca Cunningham)
  - Minutes will be taken by committee members in turns
  
- 4. **Reviewing the RAC's charge for 2022-2023**
  - Provide input on continuing plans for research operations in the post-COVID-19 environment.
  - Support the development and implementation of recommendations for DEIA-informed policies and practices in research in partnership with other organizations on campus.
  - Engage with internal university structures (e.g., Library, IACUC, RDPS, IRBs) that support research across all three campuses to address challenges as needed and as time allows.
  - Consider how both internal and external partnership may facilitate faculty engagement in [U-M Office of the President Initiatives and Focus Areas](#)
  - Address other issues brought forward by the committee members and deemed important for the committee to discuss with the VP for Research.
  
- 5. **Specific topics**
  - Student funding
  - Retention of researchers and job security for a non-tenure-track faculty
  - Research Data Stewardship Initiative (RDSI)
  - Opioid epidemic initiative
  - Flexible work arrangements
  - How well the programs of the Office of Research includes, promotes, and provides funding opportunities for creative projects, such as in the arts.
  - MCubed program
  - Grant support infrastructure for multi-institutional projects



**6. Today's guest - VP-Nick Wigginton**

[Research Data Stewardship Initiative \(RDSI\)](#) is interested to know any data-related issues especially in response to new [NIH data policy](#). Increasing data sharing requirements are ongoing issues of concern for researchers in HS-STEM.

**7. Today's Topic 1: Student funding**

There is interest among various departments at U-M in having student grants for research. For example, something similar to UROP but for senior students. Some faculty struggle to get grants, others may not be eligible for grants. A need for student available funding was voiced by faculty in different departments.

**8. New business**

- Department of Chemistry, LSA and College of Engineering are discussing the new emergent field of [Quantum Information Science \(QIS\)](#)
- Collect ideas from RAC members on topics they would like to address this year.

**9. Next Meeting:**

Date: November 14, 2022,

Time: 11am-12pm

Location: Zoom \_\_\_\_\_

Guest-speakers: Chad Brummet and Amy Bonhart to discuss opioid epidemic initiative

**10. Adjournment**