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