



Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 12/12/22

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Present: Yulia Sevryugina (Chair), Vilma M. Mesa, Allen Liu, Jessica Durkin, Marilia Cascalho, Nathan Qi, Hakam Tiba, Vania Hinkovska-Galcheva, Amanda Brown, Vaibhav Khanna, Robert Ploutz-Snyder, Suresh Madathilparambil, Vitaliy Popov, Hui Deng,

Absent: Claudia Figueroa-Romero, David Cooper, Rebecca Cunningham (VP for Research)

Guests: Jill Jividen, Director of Research Development

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

11:02-11:04am: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the 11/14/22 meeting were approved.

11:04-11:46am: Internal Funding Opportunities. Guest Speaker Jill Jividen

Summary: Jill Jividen, Director of Research Development, joined the meeting and gave a presentation on internal funding opportunities and RDPS. A discussion and Q&A followed the presentation.

[Research Commons](#), [the Blueprint Newsletter](#), and the [UM Library site](#) were listed as central resources for finding opportunities.

There were also resources provided for opportunities specific to the following groups: Students, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Multi-disciplinary, STEM, and Community-Engaged Grants.

All links in presentation can be found in the RAC Google Drive.

Research Catalyst and Innovation Grants were discussed. This replaced the Faculty Grants and Awards program, and includes 4 new funding mechanisms. RCI Block grants, VPR-RAD Catalyst grants, Anti-racism grants, and Large-Scale Center and initiative planning grants are listed and discussed.

The [Bold Challenges Initiative](#) is discussed. Other resources are highlighted, including proposal development, graphic services, and collaborative planning. A brief overview of the work OVPR does was shared.

Questions came up surrounding where to seek out various subject-specific opportunities may be found. In addition to the resources provided, it was noted that it is always good to start locally with the department chair.



A question came up about start-up funds, and how they fit within the internal funding figures.

OVPB's commitment to inter-disciplinary collaboration was emphasized.

It was mentioned that research leadership development could be improved at UM. It was mentioned that this point was being worked on.

Action: presentation and discussion

11:46-11:57am: Future Topics

Summary: Suggestions for future meeting topics were discussed.

- Detailed instructions on obtaining funding for specific groups- clinical and STEM were specifically mentioned.
- Request for more presentations from OVPB.
- Effect of graduate student labor negotiations and potential work stoppage on research
- Publishing structure and how it can be improved

Action: Discussion

11:57am: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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