



### Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 1/23/23

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Present: Yulia Sevryugina (Chair), Marilia Cascalho, Hui Deng, Vania, Hinkovska-Galcheva, Robert Ploutz-Snyder, , Mohamad Tiba, David Cooper, Vaibhav Khanna, Rebecca Cunningham (VP for Research), Jessica Durkin

Absent: Claudia Figueroa-Romero, Allen Liu, Suresh, Madathilparambil, Vilma M. Mesa, Vitaliy Popov, Nathan Qi

Guests: Evan Keller, Mariah Gavin

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

**2:01pm-2:03pm:** Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the December meeting were approved.

**2:03pm-2:42pm: Support for Research Cores on Campus**

Summary: Background for Evan and Mariah were provided. The July 2021 committee reviewing Cores at the University of Michigan was reviewed the challenges were identified:

- Decentralized structure at UM
- Pain points
- Underperformance

A research core was defined: “A group/service that provides research services at a recharge”

The main tenets of the Research Cores were identified:

- Community
- Accessibility
- Service Excellence
- Accountability
- Career Path
- Fiscal Sustainability

Each unit has their own relationship with Cores. Enhancing the Cores website is a priority. In the coming year, there will be town halls and a newsletter regarding Research Cores.

Affordability is something that they are looking at. The cost of Cores can sometimes be a deterrent to units. Stipends exist in many units that can offset some of these issues.



Suggestions were provided on services to add to the Cores.

A discussion was held on how minimizing duplication of services is necessary. Cost sharing can be a factor for this.

A master list of Cores on campus was requested.

Action: Presentation and Discussion

**2:42pm-3:00pm: Discussion with Rebecca Cunningham**

Summary: Rebecca opened up the floor to the committee to ask questions or bring up topics of interest.

Funding opportunities were mentioned and the amount of proposals being submitted campus wide was discussed.

More information regarding the Cores project was provided. All Cores are at the department and school level.

The GEO negotiations is affecting how much money to budget in grants.—Put the current salary for now, can be changed later.

Action: Discussion

**3:00pm:** Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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