Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 3/20/23
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Present: Yulia Sevryugina (Chair), Nathan Qi, Vania Hinkovska-Galcheva, Jessica Durkin, Vaibhav Khanna, Hakam Tiba, David Cooper, Robert Ploutz-Snyder, Suresh Madathilparambil, Amanda Brown, Rebecca Cunningham (VP for Research)

Absent: Marilia Cascalho, Hui Deng, Claudia Figueroa-Romero, Vilma M. Mesa, Vitaliy Popov,

Guests: Alexa Pearce (Associate University Librarian for Research)

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

2:04pm-2:05pm: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the March 2nd, and January meetings were approved.

2:05pm-2:56pm: Guest-speaker: Alexa Pearce (Associate University Librarian for Research) - Open Research & Scholarship: Update on Library Resources & Services

Summary: Alexa provided an update on open research and scholarship.

The purpose of open research and scholarship is to ensure research is accessible to all. The idea being that accessible research will allow it to be more transparent, and create a collaborative environment, with an ability for others to build on the research conducted. This has been a community-driven endeavor.

3 trend areas are identified:
- Publishing and data sharing activity
- Policies & mandates
- Researcher attitudes and advocacy

The OSTP Nelson Memo was reviewed with the group. It builds on an existing policy (Holdren memo). By the end of 2025, the updated policies need to be in place. This has affected library services in terms of collection, repositories, and other priorities.

A survey of faculty was completed in 2021-2022 on open access and open data sharing. The survey showed substantial interest in open access. Increasing equity and inclusion was a large priority for this. Reach is another key point of interest. A deterrent is the cost of publishing.

The library is focusing on new and existing services. There are agreements in place with publishers, and more are being evaluated.