



Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 5/6/24

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Present: Yulia Sevryugina (Chair), Tyler Nix, Nathan Qi, Orsolya Lautner-Csorba, Quentin Stout, David Cooper, Heather O'Malley, Jesse Capecelatro

Absent: Marilia Cascalho, Claudia Figueroa-Romero, Suresh Madathilparambil, Derek Peterson, Mrinal Sarkar, Mohamad Tiba, Vaibhav Khanna, Arthur Lupia (Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation)

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

1:07pm-1:08pm: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the April RAC meeting were approved.

1:08pm-1:21pm: Charges for next year

Summary: Suggestions were requested for topics of interest for next year's RAC committee. The committee members provided the following topic suggestions:

- Updates on university work on Artificial Intelligence
 - o It is suggested to look at AI topics over multiple meetings, with a review of how AI intersects with specific groups on campus
- Updates and discussion on high performance computing
 - o Trying to get people to utilize national resources when possible
- Sustainability and how the University is helping this
- Research track faculty and emerging topics
 - o How do peer institutions handle research track faculty
 - o Bringing this up to the new VP is a good idea
- Freedom of Speech related to research
 - o How can these threats affect research at the University?
- UROP and other undergraduate research opportunities

Action: Discussion

1:21pm-1:32pm: Reflecting on the past year's meetings

Summary: AI was suggested as a good topic that was covered in the past year that could be continued on to next year's work.

The Bold Challenges Initiative is discussed.

Discussion regarding the final report is held. Communicating the information gained from the committee to the broader faculty community is discussed.

The committee is thanked for their work throughout the year.

Action: Discussion

1:32pm: Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Vandenberghe
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