

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
Research Policy and Advisory Committee

Minutes

September 12, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Kenwood IRC 2175

1. Call to order and approval of the agenda

Robin Mello called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Janis Eells, Mark Harris (ex officio), Linda Kopecky, Tom Marcussen (ex officio), Robin Mello, Victoria Moerchen, Brooke Slavens, Jorg Woehl

Members Absent:

Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (ex officio), Janet Padway, John Reuter, Michael Zimmer

Guests:

Kathleen Koch, Michelle Schoenecker, Kari Whittenberger-Keith, Office of Research; Chris Spadanuda, UITS

The agenda was approved with one correction: the minutes are from the May 10 meeting.

2. Welcome, introductions, brief orientation

Members introduced themselves and described their research interests, or role in research on campus. The orientation was postponed until all the new members are present.

3. Automatic Consent

The minutes of the May 10, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.

4. Discontinuation of Shared Accounts

Chris Spadanuda, Associate Director of Enterprise Services in University Information Technology Services, informed the committee of the need to discontinue shared accounts (those for which multiple users share a password). He has been working with the College of Letters & Science (the largest group affected) and others to develop other solutions. If it is necessary to have a shared account, plans need to be developed and implemented to mitigate the risk involved.

5. Research Center Reviews Update

Mark Harris reported on the status of research center/institute reviews. Three have been completed and sent to the Provost. Two are waiting for the post-review wrap-up meeting with the dean and director. Five are scheduled for review in 2018-19 (will need RPAC representative for each).

The consultants' reports and follow-up discussions have been helpful to the deans and directors in validating the work of the centers, in considering changes in mission or scope, and in setting short- and long-term goals and actions for improved performance.

When the review process was established several years ago, over 60 of the entities listed on a campus webpage of centers, institutes, and labs self-identified as research centers. With a clarification that a research center has a primary mission of producing original research, and decommissioning (in progress) of inactive centers, the number is now 23.

6. Task Force on Research Conduct

Mark Harris informed the committee that Rachel Schiffman will be convening a task force to develop guidelines for proper and compliant conduct of research, and clarification of roles and responsibilities in award management. She is seeking a volunteer from RPAC to serve on the task force. Robin Mello requested a statement of the scope of the work and estimate of the time commitment required that she can distribute to the committee.

7. Open Research Policy

Mark Harris reported that the Office of Research has received several requests recently to restrict access to a students' thesis. This is in violation of campus and UW System policy. It also leads to the possibility of invoking export controls which can be costly in terms of developing and implementing data control plans.

8. Topics for Future agendas

There were no topics suggested at this time.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Koch