

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
Research Policy and Advisory Committee

**Minutes**

April 5, 2021; 10:00 a.m.

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**1. Call to order and approval of the agenda**

Robin Mello called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Janis Eells, Mark Harris (ex officio), Tom Holbrook, Jennifer Jordan, Robin Mello (chair), Kristin Roosevelt, Anne Widmayer

Members Absent:

Abigail Amisssah-Arthur, Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska (ex officio), Jay Kapellusch, Kate Mollen (ex officio), Alan Wiseman

Guests:

Kathleen Koch, Kari Whittenberger-Keith (Office of Research); Peter Schwander (ITPC liaison); Andrew Graettinger (Associate Dean)

The agenda was approved as distributed.

**2. Approval of the minutes**

The minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting were approved as distributed.

**3. Research Data Security**

Michael Grypp, Chief Information Security Officer, University Information Technology Services, reported on the following:

**Data storage and file sharing options**

- U Files – internal, but not for external sharing;
- HIPA regulations – have resolved access/security issues around HIPA regulated data;
- For specialized data or sensitive data needs – early consultation with Information Security is better, there is a cost;
- Microsoft file sharing via Teams, SharePoint, OneDrive – to avoid internal lapses you still need to set permissions correctly, install updates and change the default password
- Secure SharePoint site is difficult to set up and maintain– not many staff assigned to help; also, can't vet other institution's settings/security

For **research computing**, contact Dan Siercks

Central activities to **mitigate threats**

- Routine scanning;
- Directive from UWS for more closed networks more common

- Phishing attacks – monitored every day; multi-factor control has helped; targeted phishing – mostly in financial areas vs. researchers;
- False Facebook pages – often used for subject recruitment;
- It's easier to track high volume attacks vs. targeted individuals

Looking forward, it would be helpful to know see growth areas and know what types of research are coming to help meet needs.

**4. Updates from the Office of Research**

Mark Harris reminded the committee of the upcoming Town Hall on April 6 where an outline of the 2030 implementation plans will be presented.

Kathleen Koch posted a link in the meeting chat to lists of awardees for this year's Discovery and Innovation Grant awards and Advancing Research and Creativity awards.

**6. Open Forum**

Elections for next year's RPAC chair will be held at the May meeting. Faculty members who are continuing on the committee in AY 21-22 are eligible to serve as chair.

Janis Eells has arranged a panel discussion of Picture a Scientist on Friday, April 16. Several female faculty at UWM have agreed to participate. The panel is a follow-up to an airing of a shortened version of the movie as part of the NOVA series on PBS April 14. An additional screening is also planned for the fall 2021 semester with class discussions preparing students for some of the more difficult stories presented in the movie so as not to discourage women from choosing a career in the sciences.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Koch