

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
Research Policy and Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 9, 2023, meeting

Via Microsoft Teams

1. Call to order

Michael Pauers called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Members Present:

Paul Brodwin, Madhusudan Dey, David DiValerio, Jennifer Haas, Ann Hanlon, Tory McCoy, Joshua Mersky, Joseph Mougel, and Michael Pauers

Members Absent:

Jennifer Herriges and Murad Taani

Guests:

Reed Heintzkill, Anne Kissack, Bonnie Klein-Tasman (ex officio), Kathleen Koch, Cindy Marifke, Jeremy Miner, Jeffrey Nytes, Kris O'Connor (ex officio), and Sam Westcott (ex officio) (Office of Research)

2. Automatic Consent

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of the October 12, 2023, meeting

3. Past Business/Old Business

None

4. Overview of UWM's R1 Metrics

Kris O'Connor stated that ACE (American Council on Education) and the Carnegie Foundation announced on November 1, 2023, a new and more transparent methodology for the current "R1" designation and an overall shift to multi-dimensional categories that reflect the diversity of today's colleges and universities. It will be released in early 2025.

For the new 2025 classification, institutions will receive the higher of either a three-year average (2021, 2022, 2023) or the most recent single year (2023). A R1 designation (Very High Research Spending and Doctorate Production) will require the expenditure of at least \$50 million in total R&D in a year and the award of at least 70 research/scholarship doctorates in a year. Going forward, the classification will be based on a three-year average.

5. Updates from the Office of Research

Sam Westcott reminded everyone that deadlines are approaching for award applications.

Jeremy Miner stated that the federal government budget has not been approved. If there is a government shutdown, those with active grants can keep spending. For those applying for grants, there will be no one to accept and review the proposals. There would also be no one to authorize budget revisions.

There are committees between the UW System and UWM that are monitoring the situation and the implications of a federal government shutdown.

Jeff Nytes noted that the effort reporting period was reviewed, and a policy was approved to standardize the way that UWM reports on federal funding for research projects. One of those periods just ended and UWM was at 100% compliance.

6. General Good and Welfare

None

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 3:54 p.m.