University of Washington
Faculty Council on Research
October 10, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Mary Gates Hall 258

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
2. Introductions
3. Review FCR charge letter
4. Promotion of transparency and openness in research
5. Discussion on concerns relating to the University of Washington’s Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and development of Class C resolution
6. Discussion and vote on contract waiver request: Reproductive Biology of South American Ephedra
7. Good of the order
8. Adjourn

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Introductions

Ben Marwick, the chair, welcomed the council. Members and guests introduced themselves.

3. Review FCR charge letter

The chair reviewed the FCR charge letter that was sent to them by Joe Janes, Faculty Senate Chair (Exhibit 1).

Lynette Arias, Assistant Vice Provost in the Office of Research, shared that she has worked on defining “Community Engaged Scholarship” and will send documents to the council. Sara Kover volunteered to help with this effort.

Members discussed additional goals/topics that the council would like to discuss throughout the year.

- Members felt that the council should continue to discuss and be informed on foreign influences in research, gifts, grants, and contracts.
- Another emerging issues around EU GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) – Privacy. The University is not set up (lack of infrastructure) to use data sets that include EU citizens. Mary Lidstrom, Vice Provost for Research, would like to present about EU GDPR at a future meeting.
- Shared University research resources – Chuck Frevert and Lidstrom noted that we are out of step with our peers. They would like to present at a future meeting.
- NIH salary caps and overages – barriers to interdisciplinary research. Would help to have guidance.
The members also discussed expanding the membership to include faculty members involved in NSF contracts.

4. Promotion of transparency and openness in research

The chair shared that he has worked closely with the Royalty Research Fund (RRF) and Mary Gates Endowment Fund. He would like to see the guiding principles of Open Access incorporated into both of their grant applications. He asked the council if they might provide some guidance and information around open access to raise awareness about shifting norms. Pilot awards – IT HS. The chair would like to write a Class C that promotes awareness.

5. Discussion on concerns relating to the University of Washington's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and development of Class C resolution

The chair noted that he and other members were close to sharing a draft to the council. He will review this draft and send to the council before the next meeting. The council will discuss this at the next meeting.

Frevert and Tolnay shared that the AAALAC visited and reviewed the IACUC last spring. The report will be available in November.

6. Discussion and vote on contract waiver request: Reproductive Biology of South American Ephedra

Due to a lack of quorum, the council was unable to vote on the restricted contract. The council analyst will set up an electronic vote for the council to review and vote on the proposal.

The chair will reach out to the PI regarding embargo restrictions within the grant agreement. He will also update the template so that it specifically asks for the exact restriction language in the grant.

7. Good of the order

Nothing was stated.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes by Lauren Hatchett, lehatch@uw.edu, council analyst

Present: Faculty: Ben Marwick (chair), Chuck Frevert, Sara Kover, Donald Chi  
Ex-officio reps: Stewart Tolnay  
President’s designee: Mary Lidstrom  
Guests: Lynette Arias

Absent: Faculty: Michael Rosenfeld, Nicole Gibran, Gillian Marshall, Mike Averkiou, Francis Kim  
Ex-officio reps: JoAnn Taricani, Jennifer Muilenburg, Larry Pierce
Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – fcr_chargeletter_2019-20_draft.docx
September 16, 2019

Ben Marwick, Chair
Faculty Council on Research

Dear Professor Marwick:

The Faculty Council on Research is charged with responsibility “for all matters of policy relating to research and scholarship” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-37). Activities historically performed include reviewing any requests for approval submitted by a principle investigator (PI) who is entering into a contract which creates restrictions to the University’s research and academic mission - reporting council vote results to Faculty Senate leadership; addressing research-related issues, inquiries, and interests on behalf of UW faculty, especially by way of inviting key administrators for providing supplementary information and for receiving council feedback and guidance on topics at-hand.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2019-20 academic year.

The Senate office did a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Develop a Class C resolution concerning increased transparency in regards to animal research practices.
- Per strategies presented in the UW Faculty 2050 document, examine Faculty Code Section 24-32 and begin to discuss how might “Community Engaged Scholarship” be better defined, assessed, and recognized at the University.
- Continue to review classified, proprietary, and otherwise restricted research contracts.

After your first council meeting we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council’s goals on the Faculty Senate website to communicate the important work you are doing.

Many thanks to you and the members of your council, on behalf of Senate Leadership and the faculty of the University, for all your time and work this coming year. I wish you all the best and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Janes
Chair, Faculty Senate