Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
2. Review minutes from November 18, 2020
3. Chair’s Report
4. Discussion of the Allies program
5. Good of the order
6. Review and vote on restricted research proposal
7. Adjourn

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Review minutes from November 18, 2020

The minutes from November 18, 2020 were approved as written.

3. Chair’s Report

Chair Marwick will be meeting with FCUL to discuss the most recent Class C resolution.

ResearchWorks is a research depository which originally housed electronic thesis and dissertations. It now accepts manuscripts/preprints/data sets. ResearchWorks was built on a dated system and cannot take large data sets but there is potential for improvement.

Chair Marwick will also be meeting with the Center of Teaching & Learning to teach students about openness in research next week.

Chair Kover updated the council on the resolution regarding Community Engaged Scholarship. The resolution aims to encourage units to define CES, distinguish it from service, and prepare information for new faculty. It meshes well with FCWA’s Class A legislation on transparency in promotion and tenure guidelines.

Chair Kover noted the council will start with speaking to FCFA and the UW Community Engaged steering committee. They may circle back with departments that have clear definitions of CES, such as the schools of social work or landscape architecture. A member recommended speaking with the School of Public Health. The resolution will also include research scientists and research staff.

Chair Marwick noted FCWA’s Class C resolution, which FCR co-signed, passed in the Senate Executive Committee. The FCWA chair noted the resolution was generally supported but some changes were made during the SEC meeting. They noted research and teaching were not a focus for staff, however many UW staff have been impacted by COVID (especially in research).
The animal transparency committee has not met yet. There was no update on those who will be joining the taskforce. Chair Marwick will reach out to the Provost’s assistant for an update.

Mary Lidstrom is retiring from their provost office role and returning to research. There will be a call for nominations of the role, with announcements of the individual in Spring 2021 and starting Fall 2021.

4. Discussion of the Allies Program

Members suggested a letter to the provost to support the “spoke and hub” allies program model. The chairs will confer with FCWA to co-sponsor the effort. The provost is developing a taskforce to review recommendations on recruitment/retention/support. A member recommended student government bodies be consulted on this. A member noted the Allies Program has not contacted students, specifically GPSS. Students have a huge power imbalance in these situations, union or non-unionized. Chair Marwick will consider speaking with GPSS to encourage this information sharing campaign.

5. Good of the order

COVID-19 Research Update:
Lidstrom noted there have been discussions suggesting if King county were to go back into quarantine, it would not change the current situation as research is considered an essential activity. This week there was the first community transmission in a research lab, in South Lake Union where individuals were working closely without masks. The Office of Research may consider a strongly worded reminder to departments to follow back-to-research plans and remain vigilant. It is the responsibility of the PI to confirm if researchers are comfortable working in the labs and reinforcing the regulations. Members emphasized their approval of this reminder. For students, the UW will take not take punitive action when they do not follow social distance guidelines. Although there is a student committee which handles the most extreme cases, there is no faculty punitive action. A lab safety committee works with Environmental Health & Safety and cases of repeat infractions would be brought to the committee. It was mentioned that should a research scientist not practice good lab safety, there is punishment from the PI. However, research scientists believe there are no repercussions to PI’s who do not practice good lab safety. PI’s are required to follow procedures and protocols, but the perception is there is no such process.

6. Review and vote on restricted research proposal

The council reviewed a restricted research proposal from the APL-UW. The principal investigator is Peter Brodsky. The council approved the restricted research proposal.

The council reviewed another restricted research proposal from the APL- John Hopkins University and APL-UW. The principal investigator is David Krout. The council approved the restricted research proposal.
The council reviewed an additional restricted research proposal from Apple Inc. The principal investigators are Jay Shendure, Helen Chu, and Jacob Sunshine.

The council approved the restricted research proposal.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Faculty Code Section 21-61 A: Mike Averkiou, Brandi Cossairt, Nicole Gibran, Francis Kim, Sara Kover (chair), Gillian Marshall, Ben Marwick (chair), Thomas Humphries
Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: Larry Pierce, Jenny Muilenburg, Michael Rosenfeld
President's designee: Mary Lidstrom
Guests: Susan Camber, Lynette Arias, Bill Mahoney, Janice DeCosmo

Absent: Faculty Code Section 21-61 A: Donald Chi, Chuck Frevert
Faculty Code Section 21-61 B: Ramsess Javier Quez