

**University of Washington
Faculty Council on Research**

January 11th, 2017

9:00am – 10:30am

Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
 2. Review of the minutes from January 9th, 2016
 3. Report by Rob Fatland (UW-IT) on research computing
 4. Discussion with N’Vida Yotcho (ASUW representative to the FCR) on ideas for increasing research opportunities for undergrads
 5. Update and discussion on the open access policy
 6. Update and discussion of the post-doc resolution
 7. Discussion and vote on recent contract waiver request
 8. Good of the order
 9. Adjourn
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1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2) Review of the minutes from January 9th, 2016

The minutes from January 9th, 2016 were approved as written.

3) Report by Rob Fatland (UW-IT) on research computing

Rob Fatland (Director of Cloud Data Solutions, UW Computing, UW-IT) joined the council to discuss cloud computing solutions for faculty researchers. He noted there are several advantages to utilizing cloud-based options, including scalability, security, storage, and cost. He noted he, and others from the UW eScience Institute are available to consult with individual UW researchers to help them understand storage options within their individual computing environments. Members were encouraged to contact Fatland if they had an interest in learning more after the meeting.

A member made some comments concerning the UW’s commitment to sustainability and a widespread interest in moving data mainframes out of closets around campus, an effort which intersects with cloud storage solutions.

There was some discussion of ways to disseminate information to faculty on available cloud service options and campus resources that may help faculty make the transition. Rosenfeld recommended Fatland might make an announcement in an upcoming faculty senate meeting.

The UW has negotiated with Amazon Web Services and Microsoft to ensure researcher data hosted by those companies comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA), meaning the tools are there to create a secure storage environment.

After a question, it was noted it costs approximately \$3 to store a gigabyte of data in the cloud for one month. It was noted some cloud storage companies charge a fee to take data offline after its been stored. There was some discussion about the benefits to using cloud services over other computing options, including Hyak (shared computer cluster). It was noted there may be wait times while using Hyak, but with cloud options there isn't likely to be any.

Members thanked Fatland for presenting and he left the meeting.

4) Discussion with N'Vida Yotcho (ASUW representative to the FCR) on ideas for increasing research opportunities for undergrads

Yotcho explained she is interested in facilitating greater UW undergraduate involvement in UW research opportunities. She noted many research programs require students to have a mentor before applying, while other research is privately funded and has strict employment parameters. She explained UW faculty and graduate students should be encouraged to ask for help from undergraduates in conducting their research.

She explained one of her main ideas is for a "UW Researcher Club/Organization," which would be open to any level of student and faculty member on campus and provide a way for research-interested students to find opportunities to engage in various research projects. Yotcho explained the UW might develop a website which hosts student, faculty, and advisor researcher profiles, and via this profile, a student would be able to directly apply to become involved in research, see information on faculty members including their published work, and possibly allow for streaming of research presentations live to other users. She explained that currently at the UW, research positions are over saturated, and the website could help faculty sort through applicants.

Harris commented that she is the director of the UW Undergraduate Research Program. She explained she has been in talks with the ASUW concerning some of these ideas. She noted the next step is to sit down and have a concerted conversation. She noted there is a lot her program does that has not been shared that she would like to share with the ASUW, and with the council in a future meeting. She noted she would try to meet with the ASUW to discuss these opportunities, as reaching students is an important goal of the program currently.

5) Update and discussion on the open access policy

Rosenfeld noted questions have arisen over the draft open access policy, including a primary question of if the faculty senate has legal authority to establish granting a license to the university to use faculty's work. Members of the faculty senate leadership, UW Libraries, Rules Coordination, and of the FCR and Faculty Council on University Libraries (FCUL) are meeting together to work through the policy implementation concerns.

After some discussion, members expressed that if there is a legal precedent establishing that the faculty senate is not able to cement an open access policy, that case or statute should be identified and cited formally as evidence. Some members pointed out that several other universities have implemented open access policies via their faculty senate (e.g. the University of California).

Rosenfeld noted he would express the council's view when stakeholders meet to discuss implementing the policy.

6) Update and discussion of the post-doc resolution

The council's approved Class C resolution on Postdocs was submitted to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) after the last FCR meeting. However, the resolution was returned with a request to have other resources published first which can then be cited by the resolution. Kelly Edwards (Associate Dean, Graduate School) explained the senate leadership saw policy actions in the resolution, and explained they would be better positioned to move the resolution if there was a list of best practices (surrounding employment of postdocs) formally published by the university.

Several members noted the concept of the resolution was to gauge faculty support. If a memorandum of understanding already existed, the resolution may not be needed. It was noted it needs to be made clear to faculty senate leadership and the SEC that faculty endorsement is needed to gain additional momentum, and thus be able to set up a list of best practices and/or required practices.

Edwards noted the resolution could be further revised to set a context and give background for its content. She noted she would bring any future drafts back to the council for vetting.

Rosenfeld noted the council will also seek to establish the UW Postdoctoral Association as a formal ex-officio group with representation on the FCR, cemented via the Faculty Code.

7) Discussion and vote on recent contract waiver request

The waiver request was from Principal Investigator Anna Kirby; the title of the project is: "The association between the urinary microbiome and response to sacral neuromodulation in women with urgency urinary incontinence."

A member noted the restriction is based in the fact this is a multi-center project, and all sites need to sign a participation agreement. It was noted Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) did not sign off on the proposal language, resulting in a review by the FCR. Members noted OSP should be informed that in future contracts, if publication under certain conditions is discouraged but not restricted, than the council need not review the contract.

The council expressed an interest in evaluating the structures that bring research proposals to them for waivers, given the high volume of proposals that are being forwarded for review.

Members voted in favor of granting a waiver.

8) Good of the order

Nothing was stated for the good of the order.

9) Adjourn

Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes by Joey Burgess, jmbg@uw.edu, council support analyst

Present: **Faculty:** Eliot Brenowitz, Chuck Frevert, Gina-Anne Levow, Michael Rosenfeld (chair), John Slattery, Paul Fishman

Ex-officio reps: Jennifer Harris, Diana Louden, N'Vida Yotcho, Michelle Brault, Jennifer Harris, George Sandison

President's designee: Mary Lidstrom

Guests: Susan Camber, Kelly Edwards, Pedro Fonseca

Absent: **Faculty:** Donald Chi, Ben Marwick, Mark Haselkorn, Tueng Shen, Nicole Gibran, Todd Herrenkohl

Ex-officio reps: N/A