

Research Council Meeting

February 17, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Amy Deveau, Amy Keirstead, Bob Kennedy, Carol Brenner, Cindy Steward, Holly Parker, Ian Meng, John Rosene, Justine Bassett, Karen Houseknecht, Kenneth McCall, Michele Polacsek, Nan Solomons, Nick Gere, Russ Ferland, Shelley Cohen Konrad, Susan McHugh.

Absentees: Angelina Maia , Charles Tilburg, Julie Peterson, Mohamed ElSalhy, Tom Meuser.

– **APRE Updates** Karen Houseknecht

The First Annual Statewide Biomedical Science Research Symposium in October 13-14 will be held at UNE. [Deadline for abstracts submission: April 1, 2022.](#) As a member of program advisory committee, I am collaborating with other members of the External Advisory Board of the Institute of Medicine on the programming. Sessions highlighting current COBREs as well as future collaborations are being planned. A special session highlighting student posters will be held the opening day of the conference.

As one of our strategic priorities for FY22 is the creation of a new Phase 1 COBRE proposal, I invite Ian and Derek to present at the March RC meeting on the status of the application and planning process.

– **Office of Research Integrity Updates** Bob Kennedy

Bob discussed the details of newly updated IRB Guidelines: COVID-19 Safety Protocols For In-Person Research and Symptom Screening Questionnaire.

In addition, he shared on-going initiatives in the Office of Research Integrity including number of submitted protocols for review by category, highlighting the high number of student protocols being handled by ORI from across the university.

Summary of Submissions Received in January 2022

Submission Type	Review Level	Total
Amendment	Exempt	6
Amendment	Expedited	3
New Project	Administrative	1
New Project	Exempt	14
Case Study	Administrative	4
Research Determination	Administrative	1
Student Classroom Project Exclusion	Administrative	5
Total		34

Summary of Submissions Processed in January 2022

Submission Type	Review Level	Total
Amendment	Exempt	3
Amendment	Expedited	3
New Project	Administrative	1
New Project	Exempt	1
Case Study	Administrative	4
Research Determination	Administrative	1
Student Classroom Project Exclusion	Administrative	5
Total		18

Summary of All Outstanding Submissions in IRB Queue as of 1/31/2022**

Submission Type	Review Level	Total
Amendment	Exempt	3
Amendment	Expedited	1
New Project	Exempt	22
New Project	Expedited	1
New Project	Full Board	1
Student Classroom Project Exclusion	Administrative	1
Total		29

** 13 submissions from 2021; 16 submissions from 2022

– Strategic Planning Working Groups Updates

- Faculty mentoring working group update

The mentoring subcommittee developed a list of questions in our last meeting and each member is seeking feedback from their home units and team colleagues. Three have responded with feedback. We meet again next week to discuss the feedback so far and next steps for data collection. [Link to reports.](#)

- Student Research working group

First meeting held on February 11th.

Chair, Susan McHugh presented meeting [report](#) and opened up a discussion regarding data gathering.

Primary charge: documenting/ collecting evidence of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) conducted by UNE students across the university

Primary question: what can we accomplish in the short term in order to enable the achievement of the long-term goal of the ongoing production of a comprehensive story of UNE students' Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA)?

– **UNE North Updates**

Holly Parker

The 2022 Assembly of the Assembly of UArctic will be held from June 1 to 3, 2022 in Portland, Maine. UNE is co-hosting with USM, UMaine, University of New Hampshire, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and Dartmouth College.

UNE Portland - Innovation Hall is one of the confirmed Venues for UArctic Assembly Core Meetings on June 2-3, 2022. UNE efforts are being led by UNE North in collaboration with UNE Conference Services, the Office of Research and Scholarship and UNE Communications.