

Research Council Meeting

March 17, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees: Amy Deveau, Amy Keirstead, Carol Brenner, Cindy Steward, Holly Parker, Ian Meng, John Rosene, Justine Bassett, Karen Houseknecht, Nick Gere, Russ Ferland, Shelley Cohen Konrad, Susan McHugh, Tom Meuser.
Absentees: Bob Kennedy, Charles Tilburg, Julie Peterson, Kenneth McCall, Michele Polacsek, Mohamed ElSalhy.
Guest: Derek Molliver

– APRE Updates

Karen Houseknecht

- [Call for abstracts](#) for First Annual Statewide Research Symposium on Biomedical Science and Engineering – **Deadline for abstracts submission: April 1, 2022.**

The First Annual Statewide Biomedical Science Research Symposium in October 13-14 will be held at UNE. A special session highlighting **student posters will be held the opening day of the conference.**

- UNE signed MOU on February 25, 2022 to join BioConnects New England Coalition as a partner to support Phase 2 submission for the **Build Back Better EDA** grant on biomanufacturing. <https://bioconnectsne.com/>

BioConnects New England is focused on creating equity and economic growth through opportunity and existing resources. The coalition's goal of coupling biomanufacturing facilities with the area's well-established and internationally-known biotech sector will provide the infrastructure needed to grow the industry beyond its current footprint and provide jobs and opportunities for communities often overlooked or ignored.

BioConnects New England is a cluster-based coalition and Phase 1 finalist of the Build Back Better Regional Initiative, a \$1 billion grant competition led by the US Economic Development Agency.

– UNE North update

Holly Parker

- [Call for Posters and Panelist Nominations](#) for NEAN Research Symposium at the UArctic Assembly – **Deadline: April 8, 2022**

UNE is pleased to host a New England Arctic Network (NEAN) Research Symposium at the UArctic Assembly on June 2, 2022 @ 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Innovation Hall, University of New England, Portland). The goal of the symposium is to celebrate the breadth and depth of NEAN research engagement in the Arctic and High North, as well as explore partnerships for future collaboration with UArctic member institutions. The symposium will highlight the work of emerging researchers through a panel discussion and will also feature a key note speaker. Attendees will be invited to continue to network after the program.

– Kahn Family Foundation for student summer research

Ian Meng

- Funding opportunities will be announced soon. Please encourage the students for neuroscience.

- **CAS Update** Amy Keirstead
 - [Call for submission](#) – 2022 CAS Spring Research Symposium – **Deadline: March 28, 2022 at 12 pm**
Poster Session: Friday, May 6, 9:30-11:30am / Oral Presentations: Friday, May 6, 1-4pm

- **New COBRE proposal** Ian Meng - Derek Molliver
 - Ian and Derek delivered a [presentation](#) on the status of the application and planning process for new Phase 1 COBRE proposal: “Cell Signaling in Aging, Inflammation, and Metabolism” – January 2023

- **Strategic Planning Working Groups Updates**
 - Faculty mentoring working group update Tom Meuser

In order to collect data to support recommendations for the creation of an effective mentoring program with and for UNE faculty and key staff: The “Mentoring Faculty & Staff for Research & Scholarship Survey” developed by the Group was shared with RC members and their views and contributions were sought.

In addition, inputs from Faculty & Staff and data about Mentoring at other institutions.

The group's goal is to send the questionnaire to the UNE community before the end of March, and submitting the collected data to APRE and RC for sharing on the June BOT end of April/beginning of May.
 - Student Research working group Susan McHugh

A survey will be ready for sharing at next week's working group meeting to document/collect evidence of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (RSCA) conducted by UNE students.