Research Council Meeting
January 12, 2023 via Zoom

Attendees: Amy Keirstead, Bob Kennedy, Carol Brenner, Cindy Steward, Elizabeth DeWolfe, Ian Meng, Julie Peterson, Justine Bassett, Karen Houseknecht, Michele Polacsek, Nick Gere, Russ Ferland.

Absentees: Amy Deveau, Charles Tilburg, Mohamed ElSalhy, Sally McCormack Tutt, Shelley Cohen Konrad, Tom Meuser.

Guest: Provost Mahon

- **Announcements**

  - KH: Discussed Strategic Planning presentation of Priority 3 in December 2022 to senior leadership. UNE leadership expects progress from RC in process after study groups report.

  - ED: Students' research activities in the humanities involve mentoring in the classroom, which is not recognized as much as student researchers and their mentors in lab settings. These non-lab projects are not well represented in the student research news. In addition, the data about student research at UNE is very old and questionable.

  - KH: In content development and PR activities, the Communications Department is the decision maker. Data capture of research activities could be improved after planning new investments by UNE.

  - KH: RCR seminar series Spring 2023 was announced. Recordings for past seminars can also be found here: https://www.une.edu/research/integrity/responsible-conduct

  - KH: In May, a UArctic north2north program seminar will be given by a visiting scholar from Norway, sponsored by APRS Houseknecht.

- **RC welcomed Provost Mahon. After a short introduction by the Provost, the members of the RC introduced themselves.**

  - Provost Mahon and APRS Houseknecht briefed RC on APRS Houseknecht's backup plans for the Fulbright mission.
  - Provost Mahon is designated as deputy RIO and deputy IO.
  - The signature authority will continue as it is. Please forward your requests to zarslan@une.edu or to ORS@une.edu.
  - CEN, CEPH and UNE North will report to Provost Mahon, and CEAH to AP Sheldon.
  - Provost Mahon will evaluate minigrant applications.
  - **SP Priority 3:** Provost Mahon will continue monthly meetings with RC for improvements to be made in the mentoring processes.