

# Research Council Meeting

January 17, 2024, via Zoom

Attendees: Amy Deveau, Bob Kennedy, Charles Tilburg, Derek Molliver, Ian Meng, Jamie Vaughn, John Rosene, Karen Houseknecht, Julie Peterson, Michele Polacsek, Nick Gere, Russ Ferland, Shelley Cohen Konrad, Sonya Durney, Ursula Roese.

Absentees: Amy Keirstead, Cameron Wake, Carol Brenner, Mohamed ElSalhy, Susan McHugh, Tom Meuser.

## **Introduction of new RC Member**

**APRS Houseknecht**

Welcomed Derek Molliver, PI of new Cell Signaling COBRE. More about award [une.edu/news](http://une.edu/news)

## **Strategic Priority 3**

**APRS Houseknecht**

## **Mentoring – Professional Development in Research for Faculty/Professional Staff**

Annual Strategic Priority3 presentation will be presented to UNE Executive Management March 2024.

In this context and as a follow up to Provost Mahon's Faculty Development Discussion session (RC November 2023), APRS reminded the group of the ongoing efforts of ORS/ORI to established enhanced RCR curriculum and RCR Seminar Series, as well as the one-stop-shopping page for UNE Research policies, off-boarding UNE faculty, research space policy, etc. APRS also briefed about a Pilot Project with CAS Dean Millen onboarding/orientation/mentoring research faculty/professional staff.

## **UNE Community Funding data sharing**

**Michele Polacsek**

Discussion of how to increase internal transparency around grant planning.

## **Announcements & Updates**

**APRS Houseknecht**

- APRS Houseknecht will serve as one of the panelists at State Legislative session on Jan 23 Meeting of the Research, Development, and Commercialization Caucus. It is about advocating for LD 416 (the R&D bond). The focus will be biomedical research, development and commercialization, including some of Maine's leading NIH-funded institutions.

- The second Maine Research Symposium on Biomedical Science and Engineering rescheduled for March 27 & 28, 2024. On March 27, the symposium will resume with lectures about oncology and translational medicine, as well as panel discussions on workforce development and tech transfer. Sessions for March 28 will include “AI Applications in Medicine” and “Cellular Mechanisms Associated with Disease States,” as well as The Maine Rural Graduate Medical Education (MERGE) Collaborative’s [first Rural GME Conference](#).
- On Monday, April 8, 2024 Provost’s Office will host a special presentation on the topic “ Ethics in AI” . The guest speaker is Thomas M. Powers, PhD, Director, [Center for Science, Ethics & Public Policy](#) Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Biden School of Public Policy & Administration, University of Delaware.