

# Research Council Meeting

January 16, 2025 via Zoom

Attendees: Amy Deveau, Amy Keirstead, Bethany Benton, Bob Kennedy, Charles Tilburg, Derek Molliver, Golshan Madraki, Jamie Vaughn, Ian Meng, Karen Houseknecht, Lisa Herschbach, Michele Polacsek, Mohamed ElSalhy, Nick Gere, Russ Ferland, Scott Wood, Sonya Durney, Ursula Roese.

Absentees: Cameron Wake, Julie Peterson, Susan McHugh.

## Announcements and Updates

## APRS Houseknecht

- **Faculty Mini grant** applications due **Thursday, January 23**.
- **RIF awards** announced. <https://sites.une.edu/research/ors-research-infrastructure-fund-rif-awards/>
- **Research Town Halls** will be held with Provost Mahon and VPR Houseknecht on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 12pm**, at Proctor Hall, Portland Campus and **Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 12pm** at St Francis Room, Biddeford Campus. Both sessions are hybrid with zoom options for remote UNE members.

## Presentations:

**S Durney “Transformative Agreements and Open Access at UNE”**  
<https://une.box.com/s/Oh4o3z7f72kgoqfuz9836jnchjpsj5ay>

UNE Libraries is a member of the Lyris Consortium. Lyris is negotiating **Read and Publish Agreements (AKA transformative agreements)**. Read-and-Publish Agreements = Payment covers reading and publishing under one contract, redirecting funds towards open-access publication.

## B Benton College of Professional Studies

UNE Online Learning offers Doctorate, Master’s Degree and Certificate programs. Recently introduced **Doctorate in Social Work (DSW)** and in Fall 2025 launching **Master of Science in Climate Change Leadership (CCL)**. We are preparing a strategy to increase research and scholarship activities.

## Updates & Announcements:

### A Keirstead

- **Second Call for CAS SURE 2025 program due February 10th, 2025**  
For questions: Amy Keirstead ([akeirstead@une.edu](mailto:akeirstead@une.edu)) & Erinn Stetson ([estetson@une.edu](mailto:estetson@une.edu))

**R Ferland:**

- **COM ADRS Search:** Three candidates have completed onsite interviews.

**A Deveau:**

- **CAS Faculty and Facilities** are meeting with **Shimadzu** team to discuss **SPARQ** program for creating an analytical core in Biddeford Campus.
  - **Houseknecht:** MRI grant application (NSF; Wood PI) has been submitted with Shimadzu for LC/MSMS instrumentation to support the Bioanalytical Core located in PLBHS.
- **Airgas consortium** prices for UNE Community.
  - **Houseknecht:** This is a complex matter based on the on the need to harmonize vendors and purchasing as multiple vendors are serving the University. Lack of centralized purchasing system contributes to the challenge. Additional work needed to create single solution with cost savings capture for UNE. Adding another vendor/contract without harmonization and management plan does not solve the problem. ORS working to capture data to better define the challenges, potential opportunity and plan forward.