# **Research Council Meeting**

February 20, 2025 via Zoom An open session to UNE Research Community

Attendees: Amy Deveau, Amy Keirstead, Bethany Benton, Bob Kennedy, Charles

Tilburg, Derek Molliver, Golshan Madraki, Jamie Vaughn, Ian Meng, Karen Houseknecht, Michele Polacsek, Nick Gere, Russ Ferland, Scott

Wood, Ursula Roese.

Absentees: Cameron Wake, Julie Peterson, Lisa Herschbach, Mohamed ElSalhy,

Sonya Durney, Susan McHugh.

### **Announcements and Updates**

#### **VPR Houseknecht**

The meeting was opened to the UNE community to encourage conversation around current events impacting research in the US. VPRS Houseknecht briefed the group on the latest developments relating to executive orders impacting research and the actions that UNE leadership as well as partner institutions are taking to address these matters. Open Q/A session followed.

#### **Presentation:**

#### M Bachman DeSilva Center for Excellence in the Public Health

A presentation of new Phase 1 COBRE grant submitted in collaboration with Maine Health Institute for Research (K. Motyl PI)

Maine Longitudinal Study of Aging (MLSA) Core Research Core for NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) in *Molecular Determinants of Age-Related Disease* (MaineHealth application) <a href="https://une.box.com/s/27m988s7xi5h7dkb1njx10whkb9fdqgl">https://une.box.com/s/27m988s7xi5h7dkb1njx10whkb9fdqgl</a>

## B Kennedy Office of Research Integrity

RC Training Manager Josh Mangin is planning to pilot an in-person, interactive RCR seminar at the end of April. The seminar will consist of 1-hour sessions over four consecutive weeks, covering the 11 topics recommended by the NIH.