

Research Council Meeting

October 16, 2025 via Zoom

Attendees: Amy Deveau, Amy Keirstead, Bob Kennedy, Derek Molliver, Golshan Madraki, Ian Meng, Jamie Vaughn, Julie Peterson, Karen Houseknecht, Lisa Herschbach, Markus Frederich, Matt Havrda, Michele Polacsek, Nick Gere, Russ Ferland, Sonya Durney, Scott Wood, Susan McHugh.

Absentees: Cameron Wake, Karen Eck, Mohamed ElSalhy,

Updates

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- The latest developments related ongoing government shutdown, existing grants and new grant applications and impacting UNE research.
- The elimination of the position of AP Research Development and Training.
- UNE participated as a partner institution at the Maine Biomedical Science Symposium (Sept 24-25) with 5 invited speakers (Matt Havrda, Ben Harrison, Scott Wood, Karen Houseknecht, Jenn Garcia) and 16 posters from student researchers and COBRE Cores.
- UNE participated as a sponsor at the 2025 BioME Annual Symposium (October 8) with two expo tables for COBRE research cores, the Portland Laboratory for Biotechnology and Health Sciences, Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, School for Public and Planetary Health and the Girard Marine Science Center.
- CIE staff and innovation fellows were featured speakers at the Maine Nutrition Council's annual meeting at Colby College, "Seeds of Change: Exploring New Landscapes of Food"; their panel, "Tasting the Tides: Student Innovation at the Nexus of Nutrition and Ocean Health," was attended by 150+ leaders in nutrition research and education from across the state.

Presentations:

COBRE Cell Signaling news ([link to PDF](#))

Director and PI Molliver