

Research Council Meeting

November 2025, 2025 via Zoom

Attendees: Amy Deveau, Bob Kennedy, Cameron Wake, Julie Peterson, Karen Houseknecht, Lisa Herschbach, Markus Frederich, Michele Polacsek, Nick Gere, Scott Wood, Susan McHugh.

Absentees: Amy Keirstead, Derek Molliver, Golshan Madraki, Ian Meng, Jamie Vaughn, Matt Havrda, Mohamed ElSalhy, Russ Ferland, Sonya Durney.

Guest: Lucas Girard, UG Research Experience Club

Updates

VPR Houseknecht

- Due to current federal funding uncertainties relating to Research, we have decided to pause the timeline for the 2026 RIF call for proposals. We will revisit as more information becomes available relating to grant funding and IDC policies. Please address questions relating to this matter to me.
- The UNE faculty mini-grant program will continue for 2026 however the budget for this proposal has not been set. Announcements relating to proposal submission are forthcoming.

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Lucas Girard
UG Research Experience
Club (REC)

The Undergraduate Research Experience Club now has representation on Research Council (Lucas Girard) He provided a report and updates in [this file](#).

Presentation:

“Research at GMSC/SMEP” ([link to presentation](#))

Markus Frederich
SMEP Faculty