



## **USF Senate Research Council**

### **Minutes**

**February 19, 2024**

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Hybrid meeting via MS Teams**

**In-Person, USFRI Multipurpose Room**

### **1. Attendance**

#### **Board Members**

Ponrathi Athilingam, Kelli Barr, Feng Cheng, Elizabeth Hadley, Ganesh Halade, Richard Heller (Chair), James Leahy, Kristian Lynch, Emily Shaffer-Hudkins, Kristina Schmidt, David Simmons (Vice-Chair), Marilyn Stern, Jenny Qin

#### **Board Members Not Attending**

John Adams (Past Chair), Mark Luther, Taryn Sabia, Kersuze Simeon-Jones

#### **Invited Guests and Other Participants**

Eddie Aikins, Keith Anderson, John Johnson, Sandra Johnson-Austin, Eric Kern, Tina Lucas, Allison Madden, Mark McLaughlin, Cerise Mullins, Stephanie Rios, Ben Shnitser, Sylvia Thomas

### **2. Call to Order, Review of Agenda**

Richard Heller called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: January 22, 2024, and February 5, 2024**

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, it was resolved that the minutes of the meetings were approved.

### **4. Research Council Proposal for USF Research and Scholarship Carry Forward Investment Fund**

- a. Richard Heller open discussion to bring back the New Research Grant, Proposal Enhancement Grant, and the Faculty International Travel Grant.
- b. Open discussion explored potential impacts of budget allocation on faculty accounts.
- c. Discussion of carry forward and unallocated funds for research infrastructure with a proposal to the provost.
- d. Richard Heller motion duly made, seconded, and carried, to move forward with a proposal to be sent to the Academic Council and the Faculty Senate to help move USF forward to reach a billion dollars in external funding goal.

- 5. Foreign Influence update from meeting with General Council on February 6, 2024**
  - a. Discussion of allocating funds for research grants, postdoctoral positions, and infrastructure maintenance.
  - b. Discussion on investing in core facilities, including a proposal for equipment and infrastructure enhancements.
  - c. Suggestion for central funding and an initiative-taking strategy are necessary to establish relationships with universities in these countries and grow the program.
  - d. Strategies for reaching a written agreement on a project, with USF Legal developing more specific details over the next few weeks.
  - e. Faculty seek clarity on spending rules to overcome risk aversion and cultural barriers to innovation.
  - f. PowerPoint provided in Research Council Box Drive.
- 6. Other Business**
  - a. Open discussion of IRB Delays
- 7. Invite Guests for Future Meetings**
  - a. Strategies for Expanding Recruiting International Students – March 18, 2024  
Ruth Barr (Dean Graduate Studies), Marcia Taylor (International Student Services), Jorge Rodriguez (Foreign Influence Compliance Officer), Steve Tauber (Vice Provost for Faculty Administration)
  - b. Foreign Influence and Purchasing  
Craig Dawson (General Council), Timothy Mays (General Council), Caroline Fultz-Carver (Compliance & Ethics), Jorge Rodriguez (Foreign Influence Compliance Officer)
- 8. Having completed its agenda, the Council adjourned at 12:08 p.m.**
- 9. Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday, March 4, 2024**