



## **USF Senate Research Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**December 16, 2024, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Hybrid meeting via MS Teams**

**In-Person, USFRI Multipurpose Room**

#### **Attendance Council Members**

Feng Chang, Ganesh Halade, Richard Heller, James Leahy, Mark Luther, Xizhen Qin, Kristina Schmidt, David Simmons, Marilyn Stern, Zafer Unal, Derek Wildman,

#### **Not Attended**

Elizabeth Hadley, Matthew Johnson, Taryn Sabia, Kersuze Simeon-Jones, Uma Nair, Kyle Reed, Catherine Wilkins

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

Eddie Aikins, Keith Anderson, Norma Alcantar, John Johnson, Sandra Johnson Austin, Sandra Justice (Ex Officio), Tina Lucas, Mark McLaughlin, Jason Ramage, Stephanie Rios, Sylvia Thomas (Ex Officio), Karen Walker

**1. Call-to-Order** Dr. Heller called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024, meeting**

Motion to approve by Marilyn Stern, seconded by Kristina Schmidt, All approved

**3. Institutional Research Core Facilities Reviews**

- a. James Leahy and Ganesh Halade were recused from this part of the meeting
- b. Discussed recommendations for the thirteen Institutional Research Core Facilities applications
- c. Motion to approve the first round of Institutional Research Core Facilities recommendations by David Simmons and seconded by Kristina Schmidt, All approved

**4. Overview of State of Research & Innovation and 2024 Report**

- a. Sylvia Thomas presented the USF Research & Innovation Financial Analysis to the Research Council
- b. Presented highlights of the high success rate of proposals versus awards compared to federal institutions like NIH
- c. Presented highlights of the various initiatives and programs supporting undergraduate research, innovation, and entrepreneurship, Research Strategic Initiatives, Research Integrity & Compliance, Research Development Institute, Institutional Research Effectiveness & Assessment for FY24, newly formed Office of Advanced and Recognition & Engagement, Student Engagement in Research & Innovation (SERI), Technology Transfer, USF Research Park at 90% capacity, New Fitness Trail
- d. 2025 Dates to Remember:
  - i. Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC) February 14 – 15, 2025,
  - ii. USF Undergraduate Research Conference – Tampa, April 23, 2025 – St. Petersburg, April 24, 2025 – Sarasota-Manatee, April 25, 2025,
  - iii. Student Research Awards Luncheon, April 30, 2025, Embassy Suites, Undergraduate Research Symposium, July 25, 2025, virtual

**5. Other Business**

**Having completed its agenda, the motion to adjourn was made by Kristina Schmidt, seconded by David Simmons then the council adjourned at 12:16 p.m.**