



University Research Council Meeting of September 6, 2023

Attendees:	Meredith Bond, Chair	
	Roman Kondratov (Ex-Officio Member)	
	Benjamin Ward (Ex-Officio Member)	
	Valentin Börner	Eric Schearer
	Maria Gibson	Adam Voight
	Meshack Owino	Doug Wajda
	Roland Pourdavood	Wei Zhang
	Eran Rubin	
Absent/Excused:	David Choi	Kevin O'Neill
	Tatyana Guzman	

Dr. Kondratov called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda for the September 6, 2023 Meeting
Approved and seconded as written
2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2023 Meeting
Approved and seconded as written
3. Introduction of URC Members
 - Drs. Eran Rubin and Eric Schearer were introduced as new URC members
4. Office of Research Updates
 - a. URC Policy Update
 - Faculty personnel policies were discussed at Faculty Senate
 - Policy changes were posted as required for the 30-day public comment period
 - The proposed changes will be presented to the Board of Trustees (BOT) for approval during the September 21 BOT meeting
 - The Office of Research should have the new policy in place in several weeks, and will begin to implement the new policy
 - The URC will continue with current representation through the fall semester, and will change representation for the spring semester
 - New representation for at-large members will be determined through a voting procedure

b. Budget

- Due to university-wide budget cuts, major changes will need to be made to the internal award programs run by the Office of Research

c. Internal Award Programs

- The Office of Research runs three internal programs on a rolling basis:
 1. Graduate Faculty Research Support Program (GFRSP)
This program is currently paused due to budgetary constraints