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RESEARCH COUNCIL | **Meeting Minutes**

May 8, 2023

Voting Members Present: Ernie Canalis, Breno Diniz, Laurinda Jaffe, Emily Germain-Lee, Pedro Mendes, Carla Rash, David Steffens, Pramod Srivastava

Non-Voting Members Present: Marc Hansen, Victor Hesselbrock

Guests: Khamis Abu-Hasaballah, Adria Barbano

Dr. Germain-Lee called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

1. **Approve Minutes** - Upon a motion made by Dr. Canalis seconded by Dr. Diniz the Council members voted unanimously in favor to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting.

2. **Data Sharing and Management** – Dr. Khamis Abu-Hasaballah, Assistant Vice President for Academic IT Services, demonstrated a tool for data management plans (dmptool.org). DMPTool is a full-service, open-source, online application that allows users to create data management plans. This tool compiles with the NIH mandate issued earlier this year, as well as 42 other private and public funders.

   With different requirements for different types of data, the new data sharing policies are multi-faceted. The institution is still working on a clear path to help our investigators with sharing data, and to also help them find repositories that are right for their research.

   Dr. Vella noted that we have submitted a grant to the National Institutes of Health to build a new High-Performance Computing Facility. If funded, this would help our ability to address growing storage needs of our investigators.

3. **Software Licensing Update** –Dr. Khamis Abu-Hasaballah is currently exploring enterprise volume licensing discounts on important software programs heavily used by many folks in the research community. He is still waiting to hear back from a few of the vendors regarding bulk pricing discounts for group subscriptions and will update Research Council soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holden