

Voting Members Present: Ernie Canalis, Breno Diniz, Emily Germain-Lee, Pedro Mendes, Carla Rash, David Steffens, Anthony Vella, Riqiang Yan

Non-Voting Members Present: Kimberly Dodge, Marc Hansen

Guests: Chris Heinen

Dr. Germain-Lee called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

1. **Approve Minutes** - Upon a motion made by Dr. Canalis seconded by Dr. Vella the Council members voted unanimously in favor to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting.
2. Dr. Germain-Lee welcomed Dr. Riqiang Yan to Research Council.
3. **Core Incentive Plan** – Dr. Heinen noted that the Core Incentive Plan (CIP) is a new program that will offer small pilot grants for researchers to use one of our HCRAC sponsored cores to develop new directions for research, obtain preliminary data for a new grant, or test new methodologies in a core.

Core directors, in partnership with the PI, are asked to select and submit the projects they wish to support. The CIP program announcement will be distributed this week with applications due September 1, 2023. CIP awards will be announced early October.

4. **Software update** – Dr. Heinen stated that he has been working with Dr. Khamis Abu-Hasaballah, Assistant Vice President for Academic IT Services, Dr. Michael Mundrane, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, and the Office of the Vice President for Research to provide common software packages used heavily by researchers at UConn Health.

Currently, the Health Center Research Advisory Council (HCRAC) plans to purchase 300 volume licenses of GraphPad Prism and Biorender for research personnel. Licenses will be managed and distributed through the UConn Software site.

5. **Other business** – An email was recently distributed stating that REDCap 1 will no longer be supported by Microsoft, and that the system will be retired effective December 31, 2023. Since this will affect many clinical researchers, Research Council recommended having a bigger discussion of this issue at their September meeting.

Additionally, with continued questions and concerns regarding data sharing, especially involving human subjects, Dr. Germain-Lee recommended that we add this to the September agenda, as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holden