

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

Non-Voting Members Present: Michael Centola, Kimberly Dodge, Marc Hansen, Victor Hesselbrock

Guests: Doug Brugge, Julie Schwager

Dr. Germain-Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 July 10, 2023 meeting.
2. Dr. Germain-Lee welcomed Michael Centola, new Associate Vice President for Research Integrity, to Research Council.

Ms. Schwager introduced Mr. Centola to Council. Mr. Centola joined us from UMass where he oversaw the Research Integrity program at the Lowell campus. Prior to that, he worked at the UMass School of Medicine and Yale. He has extensive experience overseeing research integrity programs including human subjects' research.

Additionally, Ms. Schwager noted that Dr. Hesselbrock did a herculean job supporting the University while they completed the long search for this position. She also thanked him for his strong leadership and guidance to keep things running smoothly during that time.

3. **REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture Software)** - Dr. Hesselbrock stated that the REDCap 1 system will be retired and no longer supported (updates to software, security patches, etc) after December 31, 2023. The REDCap software is primarily administered through the Clinical Research Center, with support from Academic IT Services, and is used to design clinical and translational databases for data collection (questionnaires, rating forms, etc) and electronic informed consent forms. The software has been formally approved by the Office of Human Subjects and Protections.

Consequently, to meet compliance standards to maintain the confidentiality and protection of our patients, clinical and translational researchers must transfer all ongoing and new projects to the REDCap 2 system.

4. **Data Management Sharing Plan (DMSP)** – Academic IT Services hired Adria Barbano to help UCH faculty develop data management and sharing plans that comply with the new NIH standards. They acquired the DMPTool, which is essentially a template for developing data management and sharing plans for applications going to the National Institutes of Health. DMPTool covers all six NIH required elements, and it also includes sample answers. Ms. Barbano will be hosting hands-on training

sessions that are open to everyone (faculty, students, staff), but registration is required. Adria is also going from department to department (mostly during faculty meetings) to provide an overview of what UCH has put in place to help faculty with DMSPs and to describe the available software.

Academic IT Services has created a DMSP website which hosts important links to the DMPTool and associated information. Here are some of the currently available links:

- [DMSP Website](#) – Information and training videos (new webpages coming soon.)
- DMPTool Hands-on Training Workshop. September 13 at noon. [Register here to reserve a seat](#)
- [Quick-Start-Guide](#) to get started using the [DMPTool Website](#)
- [NIH Repositories](#) – The 134 repositories associated with the NIH Institutes and Centers
- [NIH ICs Data Sharing Policies](#) – Specific information about policies related to NIH Institutes and Centers

5. **Access to Academic Journals** – Dr. Doug Brugge, Chair of Public Health Sciences, stated that many of the top journals in his field are not subscribed to through the library, and the current process to order the PDF articles through the interlibrary loan program is very convoluted. He did note, however, that the interlibrary loan program turnaround time is usually within 24 hours.

Since Dr. Brugge recently submitted a request to the library about subscribing to some of these journals, Research Council suggested that we wait for a response from the library before we proceed with this discussion. If further discussion is needed, Dr. Brugge and a library representative will be invited to an upcoming meeting so we can understand the process to purchase or eliminate journals from our collection.

It was noted that many publishers have changed their business model and only offer ‘bundled’ subscriptions, which includes many journals that aren’t read here. Consequently, libraries must buy several ‘bundles’ to adequately cover their faculty/customers.

6. **Other Business** – Dr. Rash asked if pay cards will be available soon for patient participation in clinical studies at UConn Health. Ms. Schwager agreed to follow-up with Mr. Michael Glasgow on the status of the contract with Greenphire.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holden