

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

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

Guests: Lindsay DiStefano

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

1. **Approve Minutes** - Upon a motion made by Dr. Diniz seconded by Dr. Mendes the Council members voted unanimously in favor to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023 meeting.
2. **IRB Update** – Mr. Michael Centola stated that his office receives a handful of requests per year from non-UConn researchers looking to advertise recruitment for their own studies on campus that have been approved by their respective Institutional Review Boards (IRBs); these requests are also currently reviewed by the UConn IRB. However, since the research has received IRB approval from their home campus and doesn't engage in human subjects research on our campus, he would like to find an appropriate mechanism for managing these requests.

Therefore, Mr. Centola worked with Dr. Lindsay DiStefano, Associate Vice President for Research Development, to draft a new process for managing these requests, which they both shared with Research Council for their review and discussion. The new draft process would have the Dean of each School/College designate a contact person to complete these reviews instead of the IRB.

With concerns expressed about allowing outside entities to advertise for research subjects on campus, as well as concerns regarding placing this process of approval under the purview of those outside of our IRB, Dr. Hesselbrock agreed to follow up with the Office of General Counsel to see if the institution has policies governing such advertising by an outside entity. In addition, he will reach out to Communications. Research Council plans to revisit this issue at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holden