

Voting Members Present: Ernie Canalis, Emily Germain-Lee, Brenton Graveley, Pedro Mendes, Carla Rash, Pramod Srivastava, Anthony Vella

Guest: Michael Centola, Kimberly Dodge, Laurinda Jaffe, Rick McCarthy

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

1. **Approve Minutes** - Upon a motion made by Dr. Mendes seconded by Dr. Graveley, the Council members voted unanimously in favor to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting.
2. **Information Technology** – Dr. Germain-Lee invited Rick McCarthy, Chief Information Officer, to Research Council to discuss the following Research IT needs:
 - Lab equipment - With significant delays due to IT security assessments when ordering lab equipment, questions were raised about streamlining and simplifying the process. Council members believe a dedicated person to assist research faculty is essential. Mr. McCarthy asked members to email him with any ongoing problems/concerns and stated he will follow-up on these issues, as well as look into having a dedicated person support the research faculty needs.
 - Research network - Research Council inquired about the creation of the separate research network with segmentation that was scheduled to be completed in 2023. Mr. McCarthy noted that when converting some of the legacy systems onto the new network they ran into issues with systems not working. Due to these challenges with its implementation, the separate research network has been delayed to the end of this year.

Mr. McCarthy, and his team, will continue to meet with researchers to get input on what the segmentation means and how best to design the research network.

- Zoom – Concerns were raised about the recent notice regarding the termination of Zoom support for education and research. Since many researchers rely heavily on Zoom for collaborations with other universities and agencies, Research Council asked Information Technology to reconsider this decision. Mr. McCarthy stated that due to budget constraints, and with other platforms available to researchers (Teams and WebEx), they terminated Zoom support. However, Mr. McCarthy noted that exceptions for legitimate reasons will be granted, and that anyone needing an exception should reach out to Dr. Khamis Abu-Hasaballah, Assistant Vice President for Academic IT Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holden