FACULTY SENATE

Research, Scholarship & the Creative Arts Committee
November 10, 2022
12:30-2:00
Microsoft Teams

Present: Thomas Borchert (FS President), Evan Eyler (Faculty Senate Vice President), Brendan Fisher (RSENR), Jennifer Hurley (CESS), Jill Preston (CALS), Bikki Trans-Smith (CNHS), Christie Silkotch (LIB), Chun Zhang (GSB)

Absent: Raju Badireddy (CEMS), Marieka Burg (CAS), Mary Cushman (LCOM), Daniel Weiss (LCOM), Pending (Postdoctoral Association), Pending (CAS), Sabbatical Coverage (CAS), Pending (GSS), Pending (SGA)

Guests: Kirk Dombrowski

Co-chair Jill Preston called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm via Microsoft Teams.

1. Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the October 2022 meeting will be voted on at the December meeting.

2. VP of Research Update, Kirk Dombrowski.

Fall Research Forum
November 9, 2022

Q1 Awards Update

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Upcoming SPA Educational Opportunities

- Reviewing and Understanding Sponsored Agreements, Nov 9, 2022
- Cost Transfers on Sponsored Projects, Nov 16, 2022
- UVM Click Open Lab, TBD Dec 2022
- Cost Sharing on Sponsored Projects, Jan 18, 2023
- Personnel Effort on Sponsored Projects, Feb 14, 2023

SPA News

Sign up on SPA website to receive most up-to-date information on research administration topics

Recent releases

- Advance Accounts at UVM
- Frequently Asked Questions – Post Award
- Grant Management
- Department/Unit Proposal Routing Best Practices
- Sponsored Project Proposal Budget Development Tips
- Q&A – Cost Reimbursable Billing

SPA 2.0

Participating units

CEMS
CALS
RSENR
CNHS – recently joined
CAS – recently joined

Total of 14 positions
Recent Metrics – Award Acceptance

- Processing times for new awards – from receipt to acceptance
- 45% of new awards processed in 10 business days
- 88% processed in 30 days or less

Recent Metrics – Award Setup

- Award setup backlog – number of award actions with setup for longer than one week
- 6/30/22 – staff member retired
- 9/26/22 – new staff hired

Recent and Current Initiatives

- No Cost Extension process overhaul
  - To speed up and simplify the process
  - To reduce number of steps, staff involved
  - To eliminate redundancy across teams
- Outgoing subaward improvement process
  - To streamline the subaward and subaward amendment issuance process
  - To revise forms to better align with national standards
- UVM Click Version 9 upgrade
  - Improved navigation and expanded search capabilities
  - Updated award status tracker
RPO Opportunities for Education

Ongoing educational resources

- IACUC/IBC – new FTE to assist researchers with protocol compliance
- IRB – monthly on-site educational series – offerings announced through IRB list-serve

New educational resource pages

- IRB all inclusive educational webpage https://www.uvm.edu/rpo/educational-resources
- IACUC all inclusive (partial) webpage https://www.uvm.edu/rpo/iacuc-submission-guide
- Controlled substances in research webpage https://www.uvm.edu/rpo/controlled-substances

Prior to end of year

- V9 UVMClick Upgrade

Future Plans

- IBC – rewrite of IBC webpage to include A/BSL-3 and Select Agent guidance
- IACUC – develop monthly on-site educational series
- IACUC/IBC – Formal process to request a review or assistance from the Compliance Specialist

Version 9
Click Enhancements

For the upgrade, the entire UVMClick system will be unavailable for use beginning 4:30 pm on Thursday December 1, 2022, and continuing Friday Dec 2, Saturday, Dec 3rd, Sunday, Dec 4th, and Monday, Dec 5th.

IACUC

- Ability to copy protocol from one research team to another – less duplication of effort for similar protocols
- Improved consistency across IACUC submission workspaces (approval dates) – less searching for information

IRB

- External IRB forms have been merged – no longer two records reducing duplication of effort

IBC

- Enhancements to multiple SmartForm pages to match NIH guidelines – improving compliance
- Member reviewer notes will be included directly on SmartForm pages to enable quicker access to board clarifications/stipulations – less searching for information

Training sessions - Waterman 217F

IACUC – 12/7 at 11-12
IRB – 12/8 at 11-12
IBC – 12/20 at 1-2

If PI's are not able to make a session, requests for individual one-on-one sessions can be made.

Research Development

- Weekly Funding Opportunities Newsletter
  - https://www.uvm.edu/ovpr/research-development

- Pivot-RP database
  - Ongoing Training Available
    - 1:1 Consults
    - Assistance with creating saved searches
How to Get Help

• Initiate contact early – **6-12 weeks in advance** of your deadline

• **Complete intake form** on website with info about **funding opportunity** and **deadline**
  - [https://www.uvm.edu/ovpr/research-development](https://www.uvm.edu/ovpr/research-development)

• Contact us to set up a phone call or coffee meeting:
  - Meet our team – tell us about your research!
  - Help with using Pivot funding search database
  - New to grant writing or need help navigating the process
  - Early consult to answer questions or if unfamiliar funding agency

• Fall semester: NSF GRFP program (grad students)
• Spring semester: **NSF CAREER “Commit to Submit”** program
  - Semester-long bi-weekly sessions
  - 1:1 writing/editing support after semester ends -> July deadline
• Spring semester: **NIH-focused Early Career** grant writing program
• Ad hoc - Seminars/sessions about particular funding opportunities

ResDev Programming Plans

Resources

• **NIH writing templates**
  - Forms G available now
  - Forms H templates (for deadlines on/after Jan. 25, 2023) coming soon

• **NSF writing templates** (updates in progress)

• **SciENcv tutorial – biosketches**
  - In progress: Facilities & Resources repository

COMING in 2023

For the transcript or video of the presentation and question and answers please e-mail the Faculty Senate Office at Facsen@UVM.edu.
3. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.  

The next meeting of the RSCA will take place on Thursday, December 8th at 12:30 on Teams.