

University of Minnesota Duluth
RSCA Committee Meeting Minutes
11/16/2021

Present: Sharyl Samargia-Grivette (CEHSP and RSCA chair); Valerie Brady (MNSG short term); Tim Craig (SCSE); David Beard (CAHSS); Bedassa Tadesse (LSBE); Erik Brown (EVCAA) Wendy Anderson (Grad Council); Sally Bradt (ITSS); Pat Schoff (NRRI); David Syring (Grad Council); Alex Frie (MNSG), Kim Pittman (Library)

Absent: Liz Minor (LLO)

1. Review and vote meeting minutes from 11/2/2021

- Moved by Beard, second by Schoff. Motion passes with one abstention (Frie, not present at last meeting)

2. Welcome Alex Frie onto the committee as the MNSG representative. Thank Valerie Brady for her years of service to the RSCA committee.

3. SPA support letter.

- In the process of getting feedback from Elizabeth. Tabled until next meeting

4. Updates from subcommittee for Collaborative Research Grant Initiative

- Two members of the subcommittee met and began gathering information from a similar initiative from 2016-2018 and creating goals of this current initiative.

5. Updates from Faculty Senate (Tim)

- FS did not review memo regarding recommendations for the Chancellor's Award process; will bring up at next FS meeting. Upon their approval, Samargia-Grivette will forward it to EVCAA

6. Discussion of goal(s) for the committee to achieve by the end of the AY 21-23.

- Subcommittee is working on the Collaborative Research Grant Initiative.
- RSCA Chair would like to identify one more goal to tackle for this AY. Proposed a few items discussed at past meetings.
 - RSCA website
 - Consider promoting UMD faculty and research staff to create/maintain profiles in Experts@ and/or facilitate training in @Expert through library vs creating "new" infrastructure
 - Pittman will bring in some training resources to the next meeting for the committee to review/consider.
 - Supporting research technician staff/ lab technician staff
 - No discussion
 - Recognition of faculty for external funding
 - No discussion
- RSCA committee members to informally poll colleagues regarding barriers to research. Bring back to the 11/30 meeting to guide our second goal for the AY if we do not choose to target Experts@
- Recommendation to create a formal poll for all faculty and research staff each April/May to gauge barriers to research and provide data to drive RSCA goals/agenda for the following AY.