

**University of Minnesota Duluth
Research Scholarship & Creative Activities Subcommittee Meeting
MINUTES 04/12/2024**

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Voting Members (mark with x for present)

X	Jessica Hanson	X	Harsh Jain	x	Alex Frie
X	David Beard	x	Alyssa Boardman	X	Brian Barry or Christopher Filstrup
X	Wenqing Zhang	X	Jay Austin		<i>vacant</i>

Non-voting Members (mark with x for present)

	Bekky Vrael	x	Sally Bradt	x	Erik Brown
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Other Attendees

X	Tess Miller (Staff Support)	X	Jill Crawford-Nichols		
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1. [Meeting Link](#)

2. Approval of [2024-03-29 RSCA Minutes](#)

- a. *David Beard motions to approve, Jessica Hanson seconds. All approve with Alex Frie abstaining.*

3. Ad hoc Committee on RIO (previously known as OVPR) presence at UMD.

- a. Memo sent to Chancellor McMillan (Harsh & Erik)
 - i. *Timing was good with Interim Chancellor and Vice President Priya discussing this very topic when the memo was sent.*
 - ii. *Survey from MSI is concluded, Erik will email administrator Jim Fergusson to ensure adequate response received.*
 - iii. *Funding seems likely to happen. Erik shared [verbiage](#) from UMD Compact request to UMN System.*

- b. *Harsh reiterates committee's conclusion that they would now like to draft another memo requesting additional post-award support which will be drafted and sent in the fall.*
- c. Timing to connect with the new Chancellor?
 - i. *New Chancellor starts July 1, touching base with him will take place in the fall.*

4. Theme and speaker prioritization for SDL ([Endowed Speakers folder](#))

- a. Ad hoc committee update: [Topic suggestions](#) (Wenqing, Harsh, David)
 - i. *Carlee in Chancellor's office has confirmed date for SDL will fall in the last week of October, but no confirmed date yet*
 - ii. *Wenqing (AI) and Harsh (Behavioral Science) have had better luck than David (Housing) identifying possible speakers in their assigned topics*
- b. *Alex proposes committee conducts a vote on their **one** most preferred topic. Committee decides on AI.*
 - i. *Housing topic is shelved for now, possible to be resurrected for Distinguished Visiting Speakers Series*
- c. *Ad hoc committee for logistics/invitations to potential speakers: Wenqing, Harsh and Alex - meeting set for Monday April 15 at 10am*
- d. *Timeline for finalizing: within the next two meetings, prior to end of semester so topic and speakers can be passed on to Carlee and Wendy for planning/coordination over the summer*

5. Ad hoc committee on EVCAA Grants Program Reporting (Jessica, David, Harsh)

- a. [Upcoming grant cycle](#)
- b. *Reviews will be completed and returned to Jessica by independent reviewers on Monday April 15. A separate meeting will be scheduled for all RSCA members who are interested/available to review submissions and make selections for funding. Tess will send out a When2Meet.*
- c. *Timeline - Goal date for funding decisions = May 1*

6. RSCA Faculty Senate representative report out/up (David)

- a. *No report*

7. Next Meeting: Friday Apr 26, 2024 10am