

Faculty Research Committee Report for 2022-2023

02/17/23 Faculty Council Meeting

Members: Stanley Ahalt (Computer Science); Kristy Ainslie (SOP-DPMP); Donald Haggis (Classics); Michelle Itano (Cell Biology and Physiology); Michael Kosorok (Biostatistics); J. Victor Garcia-Martinez (Medicine/Infectious Diseases), Committee Chair; Samantha Metzler-Brody (Psychiatry); Karla Slocum (Anthropology); Sheryl Zimmerman (Social Work)

Background: The Faculty Research Committee (FRC) consists of nine members appointed by the Chancellor. The Committee advises the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor for Research, other officers of administration, and the Faculty Council on matters of University policy and their implementation that have significant impact upon research.

Mission: The Committee's broad mission is to contribute to and support the research mission of the University. The FRC is advisory to the Vice Chancellor for Research.

On June 20, 2022, Dr. Garcia, the FRC Chair reached out to the office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to plan the agenda and a meeting schedule for the academic year. It was decided that the FRC would continue to attend the bi-weekly Research Deans calls and held committee meetings bi-monthly. The focus for the academic year was left to the discretion of the members of the committee.

On Tuesday April 5, 2022 the FRC met via zoom. Dr. Penny Gordon-Larsen (Interim Vice Chancellor for Research) and Joyce Tan were present. The committee members introduced themselves to the group. Dr. Gordon-Larsen gave update on the Institute's activities. Working on getting a campus license package to help screen proposals for plagiarism by running grant applications through the software before submission. Will be rolled out first to faculty and would make PI's responsible for compliance.

The committee discussed the concerns for Concur system.

On Thursday September 15, 2022 the FRC met via zoom. Dr. Penny Gordon-Larsen and Joyce Tan were present. Dr. Gordon-Larsen gave update on the Institute's activities and Global security initiatives. She also mentioned the NIH data sharing policy coming up in Jan 2023 and how UNC will develop support for investigators.

On Tuesday December 13, 2022 the FRC met via zoom. Dr. Penny Gordon-Larsen and Joyce Tan were present. Dr. Gordon-Larsen provided update on the new Data Management and Sharing (DMS) policy which will go into effect on January 25, 2023. She also mentioned the recent changes to the FNA sharing/distribution. Discussed issues with IRB office, Facilities office and the lack of communication when issues arise like the recent power outage.

On Thursday January 19, 2023, the FRC met via zoom. Dr. Penny Gordon-Larsen introduced Andy Johns to the committee to provide an update on the status of the IRB and to address the concerns discussed during the previous meeting. Andy Johns provided update on IRB and infrastructure issues. Andy also provided link to website designed to help faculty understand requirements for Data Management and Sharing <https://research.unc.edu/dms/>. Andy indicated his willingness to have separate meetings with other groups if needed and would like to meet with committee later in year for further updates and feedback. Dr. Penny Gordon-Larsen provided OVCR updates that include TRB construction, Carolina next Initiatives, salary increases.