

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)
Meeting Minutes
Feb 14, 2025

Meeting conducted by Zoom

Attended by:

Qiaojie Xiong (Neurobiology and Behavior)
Mark Chambers (Africana Studies & History),
Shipra Agrawal (Department of Medicine),
Roger Sher (Neurobiology and Behavior),
Thomas Robertazzi (Electrical Engineering),
Jerome Liang (Radiology),
Pamela Ginex (School of Nursing),
Clara Tran (Library)
Yong Chen (School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences),
Brittain Mahaffey (Psychiatry & Behavioral Health)
Russell Erfan (Student Representative);
Ammar Gondal (Student Representative);

Agenda Items

Approval of December meeting minutes – Approved

Topics

1. Current administration about research funding and IDC related discussion
 - a. Any pro-active work the university is doing in light of the current administration. It doesn't seem wise to wait for something to happen and then respond. We have several reps here in Suffolk County (and Nassau) who would be key votes in any upcoming legislation. I feel we should be working with them now to inform them of the impact of potential changes. SUNY and the RF should be doing the same.
 - NIH Budget 2.7% of the Health and Human Services Budget and is 0.5% of the Budget
 - Discussion about possible changes to federal funding.
 - b. I've been getting questions from colleagues about how to draft budgets in the current environment and I'm not sure we've gotten updated info from OPD or the OVPR beyond that one email stating that IDC would be 15% for new grants—however I'm not sure how the recent court cases brought by the states (including NYS) is affecting things.
2. Software access NVivo-URGENT. Access to the qual coding software NVivo is about to expire (within two weeks). I'm not sure if the university plans to renew our license. This is expensive software that numerous researchers use. Moreover, as I understand it, transferring data between accounts if ours expires is an arduous process. I'm not sure who to outreach to in order to find out if we plan to extend the university contract and, if needed, to advocate for this.

- Reach out to IT representatives to get information about
- i.license renewal of NVivo
 - ii.decision-making process for essential software.
 - iii.What the available resources are.

West Campus = David S. / Gerry Kelly

Begin with the Senate Committee to start the conversation about what to ask for.
(University Senate March 3rd 3:30 to 5PM, A&S Senate March 10th 11:30AM to 1:00PM).

3. Senate terms are coming up. Please reapply for your seats if you are eligible and your term is coming up. Term limit is 3 consecutive terms.
4. Vote on Dr. Roger Sher's nomination to be the co-chair in the next cycle. All voted Yes
5. Update from library:
 - a. Article galaxy access <https://library.stonybrook.edu/2024/12/18/coming-soon-instant-access-to-articles-via-article-galaxy-scholar/>
 - b. New EBSCOhost Interface
<https://library.stonybrook.edu/2025/01/02/coming-soon-new-ebscohost-interface/>

Upcoming meetings

March 14th, 2024 VPR Dr. Kevin Gardner

April 11th, 2024

May 9th, 2024