

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)

Meeting Minutes

May 10th, 2024

*Meeting conducted by Zoom*

Members in Attendance: Clara Tran (Library), Jason Trelewicz (Mat. Science & Engineering), Mark Chambers (Africana Studies), Soosan Ghazizadeh (Oral Biology & Pathology), Thomas Robertazzi (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Qiaojie Xiong (Neurobiology & Behavior), Marci Lobel (Department of Psychology), Brittain Mahaffey (Psychiatry & Behavioral Health), Soosan Ghazizadeh (Oral Biology & Pathology), Roger Sher (Neurobiology & Behavior)

Also in Attendance: Jerome Liang (Radiology), Jamie Saragossi (Library), Iris Fineberg (School of Social Welfare),

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Carl Lejuez, Provost

**Minutes reviewed and approved from March 2024**

**Old Business-**

1. Review of survey result on Library Resource:
  - Access possibility impaired teaching and research quality
  - Access timing is also important
  - ScienceDirect negotiation through Elsevier is impactful, but big packages are not affordable, no mechanism for financial support of new faculty, Library budget is flat for years no matching with the inflation
  - Voice from the trainees
2. Reminded committee of upcoming vacancy of Brittain Mahaffey's co-chair seat in Fall 2024. Encouraged committee members to consider running.
3. Resources for attracting and recruiting new faculty, retaining current faculty: funding, facility, daycare
4. Endowment usage for infrastructure: \$150M endowment was distributed to different colleges/school for research.
5. Consider inviting people from Stony Brook Foundation.

**Meeting with Dr. Lejuez**

- Brittain and Jamie summarized the issues identified from the survey, committee discussion, and school history.
- Dr. Lejuez:
  - long time connection to research (12 yrs as director of center for addictions personality and emotion research at Univ Maryland);
  - Area of research support: strategic hiring; PIE fund areas (QIST, AI, Healthy Aging); humanities 1% IDC; collaboration with CAPRA on several projects;

significant research investment (seed funds, startups, retention, and library).  
Space issues remain

- Retention strategy for mid-career faculty: in the past <20% done with outside offer, >80% were done early up during interviewing
- Facility resources are limited because funding is short.
- Library inflationary costs greatly outpace overall univ inflationary costs. Recent library (west campus) hiring. Article galaxy.
- Budget and budget model: current model is outdated and goal is to implement a new model; put agency and authority in units, allowing for greater accountability; increase financial transparency and clarity, promoting multi-year planning; limit perverse incentives and limit mercenary-like approaches; increase overall funds to units; funds flow to schools/colleges based on revenue generation and these units pay to fund univ activities; funding formula primarily tuition driven but can include ways to support measurable outcomes in priority areas;
- Determining priorities: outcomes, IDCs, graduate student slots
- Invite Dr. Lejuez back to the Fall meetings for further and deeper discussion.

### **2023-2024 Meeting Dates:**

September 8<sup>th</sup>

October 13<sup>th</sup> (canceled)

November 10<sup>th</sup> (Miguel Garcia-Diaz, VPR, will be the guest speaker)

December 8<sup>th</sup> ( Jamie Saragossi, Interim Associate Dean of Collection Strategy and Management, will be the guest speaker)

February 16<sup>th</sup>

March 8<sup>th</sup>

April 12<sup>th</sup>

May 10<sup>th</sup> (Dr. Carl Lejuez, Provost)