

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2021

Meeting conducted by Zoom

Attended by: Jeffrey Edwards (Philosophy), Iris Fineberg: Chair (School of Social Welfare), Chris Kretz (Library), Jerome Liang (Radiology), Marci Lobel (Psychology), Brittain Mahaffey (Psychiatry/Psychology), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Thomas Robertazzi (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Jason Trelewicz (Material Science), Sylvia Wood (School of Nursing), Wei Zhu (Applied Mathematics and Statistics)

1. Tentatively scheduled for a follow-up meeting with Rose, Anissa and Jon to attend the May 2021 USRC meeting, assuming the strategic task force reports are available by that time. The committee suggested having two meetings: one for solely committee members to discuss the reports, and then a follow up meeting with the guests.
2. Recommendations were made to (a) evaluate how much resources the task force process required (especially given the number of hours invested by task force members); and (b) plan for an impact study from the task forces. It was suggested that perhaps this committee could have this role. Implementation of task force recommendations is planned to begin this summer.
3. Chris Kretz: There is a covid specific publications repository collection being built at the library: <https://commons.library.stonybrook.edu/> People should contact Mona Ramonetti with any repository questions/problems.
4. A question was raised about the fairness of distribution of internal seed grants at the university. It was suggested that the OVPR would have statistics on the distribution of awarded internal funding.
5. Anne McElroy will be retiring in December 2021. She will be trying to find a substitute committee member for the rest of her term.
6. USRC Chair: The current Chair will reach the limit of her allowable term as a committee member in September 2021. The committee has traditionally had co-chairs, one from West Campus and one from East Campus. This structure has worked well. The Chair invited any committee members who may be interested in becoming co-chair to contact her.