



## University Research Council Meeting of September 6, 2023

<b>Attendees:</b>	Meredith Bond, Chair	
	Roman Kondratov (Ex-Officio Member)	
	Benjamin Ward (Ex-Officio Member)	
	Valentin Börner	Eric Schearer
	Maria Gibson	Adam Voight
	Meshack Owino	Doug Wajda
	Roland Pourdavood	Wei Zhang
	Eran Rubin	
<b>Absent/Excused:</b>	David Choi	Kevin O’Neill
	Tatyana Guzman	

Dr. Kondratov called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda for the September 6, 2023 Meeting  
Approved and seconded as written
2. Approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2023 Meeting  
Approved and seconded as written
3. Introduction of URC Members
  - Drs. Eran Rubin and Eric Schearer were introduced as new URC members
4. Office of Research Updates
  - a. URC Policy Update
    - Faculty personnel policies were discussed at Faculty Senate
    - Policy changes were posted as required for the 30-day public comment period
    - The proposed changes will be presented to the Board of Trustees (BOT) for approval during the September 21 BOT meeting
    - The Office of Research should have the new policy in place in several weeks, and will begin to implement the new policy
    - The URC will continue with current representation through the fall semester, and will change representation for the spring semester
    - New representation for at-large members will be determined through a voting procedure

b. Budget

- Due to university-wide budget cuts, major changes will need to be made to the internal award programs run by the Office of Research

c. Internal Award Programs

- The Office of Research runs three internal programs on a rolling basis:

1. Graduate Faculty Research Support Program (GFRSP)

This program is currently paused due to budgetary constraints

URC members were in agreement that the program should continue to be placed on hold until the Office of Research and URC members are able to develop stricter criteria and guidelines

2. Graduate Tuition Program (GTP)

The GTP now has application deadlines for the fall (August 1) and spring (December 1) semesters

The program has been extremely successful, which has led to the program being overspent

The budget was fully committed by August, but the Office of Research was able to honor all prior requests

3. Reduced Teaching Research Facilitation Program (RTRF)

This program is also currently paused due to budgetary constraints

5. Open Discussion

- URC members suggested the following changes to the internal award programs for 2024-2025:  
The FSI and FRD programs