

UNDSMHS Research Committee
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: Don Warne, Gary Schwartz, Seema Somji, Don Sens, Mikhail Golovko, Jonathan Geiger, Sarah Sletten, Jamie Foster, Masfique Mehedi, Shawnda Schroeder and Nicole Redvers

Absent: Marc Basson, Ursula Running Bear and Nadeem Khan

	Summary	Action/Follow-up
Call meeting to order/welcome new members	Meeting began at 2:00 pm via Zoom.	
Approval of minutes from September 22, 2021	There was a motion made by Dr. Geiger to approve the September minutes and seconded by Dr. Schroeder. The motion was approved unanimously.	
Frank Low Research Day Update – Dr. Jamie Foster	After research into agreeable dates and speaking with Drs. Dunlevy and Beal, the consensus was to keep the date the same. We will move forward with the April 21, 2022 date. We are still looking for keynote speaker suggestions. John Loesch was suggested. If at all possible, we would like to require the guest speaker to be live via Zoom instead of a recording. Dr. Geiger added that we should plan for remote but allow for an in-person option as well.	Dr. Sens will reach out to a potential guest speaker and report back to the committee.
Other Topics for Discussion	Dr. Geiger advised that he has heard discussion on the destruction of Columbia Hall and the animal facility, happening in the next 3 years. He questioned when faculty will be engaged in this discussion and asked for their input and feedback. He would like to see this committee to function more like it designed for – comprehension planning, etc. and would like to have more time to weigh in on this situation for appropriate planning and timing for research space. He first heard of this topic at a Chester Fritz Professor meeting where President Armacost brought up the information.	There was a motion made by Dr. Geiger for this topic to be added to the Faculty Council agenda and seconded by Dr. Sens. The motion was approved unanimously. Dr. Foster will attend the next F.C. meeting, on November 1, as a representative of the Research Committee.
Announcements	Sarah Sletten announced that she has 70 students signed up for REM.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm	

Submitted by Heather Jensen