

University Research Council
Minutes of February 8, 2022 Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Mike Holland welcomed the Council members and called the meeting to order at 11:33 am.

2. Bill Yates – 2022 MyDisclosures Rollout

This will be third year using this system to file disclosures. One form shared between Pitt and UPMC. Have made some minor changes to this year's form, but major improvement is new use of Salesforce. This allows for better management of incoming emails with questions, etc. from constituents. This system also allows for a ticketing system that better enables communication at various points of the response process.

Several questions were re-worded to help people better understand how to answer. Example given was question about who the person works for – added bullet points to make this clearer. Also mentioned question regarding appointments at other institutions, as many responses last year mentioned Pitt, when that is not something they need to disclose.

They've also added in an "Update Primary Supervisor" button so responders can update this themselves without having to submit a ticket.

BY shared the 2022 timeline, noting disclosure forms cannot be submitted until new form is rolled out in mid-March.

3. Pitt Momentum Funds

Mike Holland thanked the members of the committee who helped coordinate the various awards and shared the statistics for numbers of awards and total applications in each school.

Scaling Awards went to Kevin Ashley (Law), who had won a teaming award previously, and Aaron Barchowsky.

Had 4 Teaming Awards this cycle: Giuseppe Intini, Yu-Ru Lin, Michele Reid-Vazquez, John Stoneer.

Four Seeding Awards (humanities) went to Olga Kuchinskaya, Michael Meyer, Diana Khoi Nguyen, and Khirsten Scott.

There were eleven Seeding Awards in Engineering, Tech, Nat. Sci, and Math

There were five seeding awards in Health & Life Sciences.

There were six seeding awards in Social Sci, Business, Policy, Law

4. Dominic Bordelon – Love Data Week

ULS has organized a collection of data-oriented research talks, art shows, and skills workshops Feb. 14-18. He shared info about this and told the group where to find more info.

5. Other Business

Rob Rutenbar mentioned that the topic of how to handle COI disclosures is a big concern on the national level. The process is tweaked each year based not only on what worked or didn't work for us previously, but also on what the Federal government and federal agencies are concerned about.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.