

University Senate Research Committee (USRC)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 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), Amy Marschilok (Chemistry), Anne McElroy (SoMAS), Thomas Robertazzi (Electrical and Computer Engineering), Jason Trelewicz (Material Science), Tzu-Chieh Wei (Physics and Astronomy), Sylvia Wood (School of Nursing), Wei Zhu (Applied Mathematics and Statistics)

1. Strategic initiative follow up: The Chair received Powerpoint slides (as initiative reports) from Rose Martinelli. They will be distributed to this committee for review. The committee agreed to meet May 24 to discuss the distributed information. The Chair will explore potential dates for the committee's follow up meeting with Rose, Anissa and Jon following the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. A "Campus Conversation" was conducted by Zoom yesterday between the University President, the Provost, the VP for Strategic Initiatives, and the Interim VP for Budget and Financial Planning. Some USRC committee members attended the Zoom session and shared their impressions today.
3. USRC Chair: The current Chair will reach the limit of her allowable term as a committee member in September 2021. Jason Trelewicz has indicated an interest in being Co-Chair of the committee. Using an anonymous voting mechanism, the committee unanimously voted in favor of Jason. Brittain Mahaffey indicated she would be interested in being the Co-Chair from East Campus. Completed another vote for having Jason and Brittain as Co-Chairs for the USRC beginning in the Fall 2021. The vote was unanimous in their favor. Current Chair will work with Jason and Brittain to support a smooth transition.