

## Minutes

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education  
Committee on Academic Staff Issues  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Meeting ID: 976 1116 6157  
Passcode: 511276

Minutes: Tina Chorlton

**Attendees: Shane Hubbard, Chelsea Dahmen, Christopher Huffman, Emily Reynolds, Julie Karpelenia, Jenny Hackel, Kristina Chorlton, Lauren Meyers, Moira Harrington, Nagesh Adluru, Olyvia Kuchta, Peter Johnson, Mallory Musolf**

### **1:30 Call To Order**

### **1:31 Steve Ackerman – Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education**

- COVID: discussion about what will look different this fall.
  - More people with hybrid work arrangements, sometimes onsite, sometimes remote. OVCRGE had plan ready and set guidelines for units and centers with basic expectations for a certain level of onsite work expected but mask mandate is threatening the timeline to implement. Encouraged use of workplace flexibilities to adapt right now to meet the mandate.
  - Chancellor is monitoring cases daily
  - Athletics: Fans back in the stands at games. One research group is developing an air sampling technique being tested within athletics facilities.
  - Classes still in person. Steve was not sure what percent of faculty are concerned about teaching in person.
  - Research expenditures up 6% in July, 2021, but travel is down significantly
- Send Research Professor guidelines to OVCRGE HR reps

### **2:00 Invited Speakers – Winterovers**

- Wenceslas Marie-Sainte and Moreno Baricevic from IceCube discussed duties as Winterovers and deployment to South Pole. They leave for the South Pole in late October, 2021 and will return in December, 2022. Job posting is usually released in late November.

### **2:30 Business**

- HR update (Julie)
  - COVID: campus is watching numbers, has implemented mask mandate and is considering requiring testing for unvaccinated employees (a campus-wide vaccine mandate is not politically viable)
  - TTC: centers should be continuing interactive conversations about new titles. OVCRGE HR reps will be reaching out to discuss issues/questions.
    - Business Titles for new positions are limited to 30 characters due to limitations of system

- Remote Work Agreements: OVCRGE is reviewing. Over 1500 have been initiated in the online system.
- 5 year review update (Shane)
  - Will forward draft to everyone for review, then will send to Steve Ackerman
- Next OVCRGE-CASI meeting scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021; currently scheduled as retreat, but Shane will contact us to let us know if that changes back to video meeting

## **2:58 Adjourn**

## **Future Minutes**

September – Olyvia

October - Emily