McCausland College Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (RSC) Committee Meeting

MINUTES (Draft for approval at initial Fall 2026 meeting)

Meeting: April 23, 2026 (1:00-2:00 PM) - Minutes

Present: Charles Mactutus, Sophya Garashchuk, Meena Khalili, Fabienne Poulain, Leland Spencer, Jeff Twiss (ex-officio member)

> Call to Order (Quorum established, 5 of 7 voting members present)

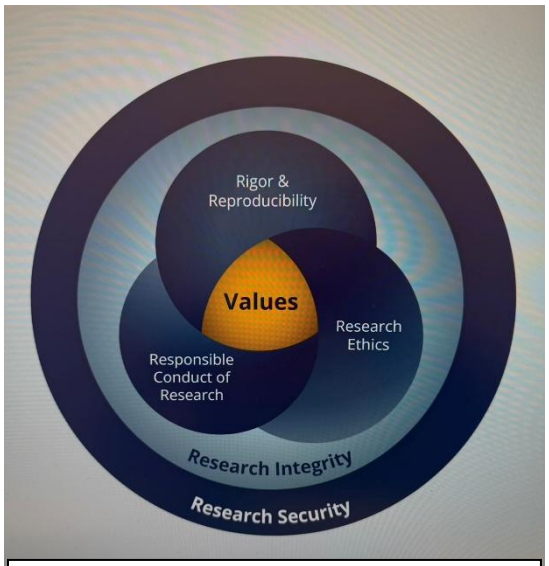
> Set adjournment time

> Approval of minutes from March 4, 2026 meeting, as drafted

> Unfinished business.

1. How to evaluate productivity? How to promote it?
   - Motion made, seconded: The MCAS should promote productivity with co-funding of publication costs.
     - Additional data from Alysis Bridgman on utilization of internal funding through the ASPIRE and EXCEL applications ttotalled across the past five years (table attached) and graphed.
   - Friendly amendment to motion, seconded: The MCAS should promote productivity with maximizing return on investment.
     - Discussion: consider stipulation of external application following internal award.
   - Friendly amendment passed as stated.

2. Promote RCR training in the MCAS?
   - Motion made, seconded: The MCAS should foster education of RCR training.
     - Discussion includes significant compliance requirements for multiple federal agencies.
       - In person, not on-line
       - Early in career stage, some within 90-day window
       - Repeated every four years
       - Undergraduate RCR participation which presents a broad training opportunity.
       - Perhaps broader issue than the MCAS?
   - Motion passed as stated.



U.S. National Science Foundation (2023) introduced a research security model composed of three main values: Rigor & Reproducibility, Research Ethics, and Responsible Conduct of Research.

> New Business

- Dr. Leland Spencer elected as chair of the RSC committee for AY 2026-2027.

> Good of the Order

> Adjournment