

Colorado School of Mines – RESEARCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
 March 1, 2:00-3:00 pm via Zoom

**Attendees:**

**Voting Members:** 24 total (13 needed for quorum). Quorum was present.

P	Sid Saleh (Chair)	P	Seth Vuletich (LB)	P	Tulay Flamand (EB)	P	Andrew Petruska (ME)	P	Emmanuel De Moor (MME)
P	Mark Deinert (NSE)	P	Erdal Ozkan (PE)	P	Matthew Morgan (CGS)	P	Mike Wakin (EE)	A	Kathleen Hancock (HASS)
P	Thomas Monecke (GE)	A	Svitlana Pylypenko (CH)	A	Jim Ranville (GC)	A	Elizabeth Reddy (EDS)	A	Jamal Rostami (UCT)
P	Steve Pankavich (AMS)	A	Jeffrey Shragge (GP)	A	Jim Simmons (GP)	P	John Spear (CEE)	P	Kenneth “Xerxes” Steirer (EREP)
A	Eric Toberer (MS/PH)	A	Sumit Agarwal (CBE)	P	Mehmet Belviranli (CS)				

**Non-Voting Members:**

A	Johanna Eagan (ORA)	P	Mara Green (AA)	P	Rena Zhu (GSG) proxy for Jonathan Diller (GSG)	P	Barb O’Kane (EHS)	P	Emmelia Ashton (USG)
A	Liza Kinzel (RTT)								

**Special Guest(s):** Doug Mayo (Chief Advancement Officer; Mines foundation)

**Welcome**

Sid Saleh

Vuletich notified Councilors the Research Fusion occurs 3/8; only three individuals had signed up to participate, Vuletich encouraged Councilors to bring the event to departments and colleagues.

O’Kane notified Councilors Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) would begin lab visitations, formerly known as lab inspections, to interact with researchers on campus and labs. Concerns found by EHS would be shared with lab owners.

**Research Instrumentation**

Xerxes Steirer

Two additional attempts were made to begin communication with ITS. The committee sought to improve communications capabilities across campus regarding large and mid to small equipment. The committee considered a database of equipment that could be searched by faculty. Steirer noted a manual setup is used in the Shared Instrumentation Facility (SIF); new opportunities for a database setup could be beneficial.

- **Question** if it is possible to create a field project for CS to create a web-based database; Steirer confirmed a web-based database could be used but personnel and momentum would be needed to maintain the project moving forward. Note made that a policy may be considered. Points of contact would need to be defined for the database; use of multiple advisors may cause confusion.

**Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2023**

Sid Saleh

**MOTION:** To approve the Research Council minutes of February 1, 2023 by Petruska, seconded by Vuletich. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Committee Updates**

### Small Research Equipment/Instrumentation Investment (REI)

Sid Saleh

Committee to meet and vote on the next round of awards for \$60,000.

### Excellence in Research Awards

Seth Vuletich

Saleh notified Councilors Vuletich had taken over as chair of the committee. Eleven total submissions were received for the nomination for Excellence in Research. Committee would review over the coming week to identify a single recommendation for junior and senior awardees. Vuletich noted a draw may result in additional letters of support requested. Committee hopes to complete the process by the 3/22 deadline for AA.

### Research Council Lecture Series/Research Fusion

Tulay Flamand

Flamand reminded Councilors the Research Fusion event begins 3/8 and encouraged faculty to sign-up and support the event ([to sign-up, click here](#)).

The Research Council Lecture occurs 4/10 from 12-1pm with Dr. Tom Williams from CS ([for more information, and to RSVP, click here](#)).

### Research Instrumentation

Xerxes Steirer

Steirer reported the SIF staff meeting occurred the morning of 3/1; a tenth staff member had been brought on. SIF is growing.

### Graduate Stipends

Andrew Petruska

Petruska noted an email had been received from OGS and Tim Barbari regarding an increase in the minimum graduate stipends to \$32,000 for Fall 2023 and fiscal year 2024. The email had been sent to department heads and IGP directors. Councilor asked regarding tuition and further communications to the rest of campus; Petruska noted there had not been information on administrative assistance with the increase, more information was needed.

### Research Mentoring

John Spear

Spear tracking mentoring opportunities offered on campus. Spear reported new hires are provided with mentoring. Spear recommended tracking faculty over their first six to seven years with mentoring, particularly for research active. Suggestion for more intra-departmental conversations around mentoring.

Spear reported new hires were assigned to a faculty member to teach research and service aspects of the position. Departments have different means of mentoring. Councilor noted PE provides mentorship to new faculty through members of the Promotion and Tenure committee.

Council discussed methods of rebuilding social interactions between faculty and departments.

Saleh recommended opening social events at the 1750 Jackson Street building.

## **Adjourn**

Sid Saleh

Meeting adjourned: 2:40 pm.

Next meeting: April 5, 2:00-3:00pm via Zoom.