



OUHSC FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

In-person: Provost's Conference Room (LIB 223), Robert M. Bird Library

Virtual: [Zoom](#) or Phone

AGENDA*

- I. Call to Order:** Dr. Fernando Esteban Florez, Chair
- II. Guest Speakers:** Drs. Kenneth Randall & Emma Kientz
Topic: The 4-1-1 on the 9-1-8

Gregory Zornes, Conflict of Interest Officer
Topic: Overview of Conflict of Interest Processes at HSC
- III. Approval**
 - Minutes: February 17, 2022 Faculty Senate Meeting
- IV. Report of the Chair,** Dr. Fernando Esteban Florez
- V. Committee and Department Reports**
 - Committee Reports
- VI. New Business**
 - Cigna Comments/Complaints: Please email the Faculty Senate (Faculty-Senate@ouhsc.edu) about your experiences with Cigna.
- VII. Old Business**
 - Research IT Needs Meeting Updates, Renee Leasure
 - College Elections: Deadline for Colleges to submit their new representatives to fill outgoing Senate Positions is **March 31st** ([Faculty Senate Charter, Article VII, Section 2: Election](#))
- VIII. Other Items**
 - Is this a Great University or What?
 - Recent R35 Award received by OUHSC Faculty: The R35 MIRA provides support for the research in an investigator's laboratory that falls within the mission of NIGMS. The goal of MIRA is to increase the efficiency of NIGMS funding by providing investigators with greater stability and flexibility, thereby enhancing scientific productivity and the chances for important breakthroughs. The program will also help distribute funding more widely among the nation's highly talented and promising investigators. MIRA grants will generally be for 5 years, for both established investigators and early stage investigators.

- Heather Rice, PhD, Assistant Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Title: Mechanisms of APP ectodomain function
Brief Summary: The Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP) is a type 1 transmembrane protein central to the etiology of Alzheimer's disease. However the precise molecular mechanisms mediating the physiological functions of APP remains largely enigmatic. In this project, we will leverage our recent discovery that the APP ectodomain functions as a ligand for the GABA type B Receptor and our recent identification of Phosphoglycerate Mutase Family Member 5, a mitochondrial serine/threonine protein phosphatase, as a novel candidate interactor of the APP ectodomain. The work in these studies will generate fundamental knowledge of the molecular mechanisms underlying the protein-protein interactions of the APP ectodomain and the cellular consequences of these interactions across different cell types. These studies have the potential to lay the foundation for future work to harness the fundamental functions of APP to counteract pathogenic pathways in diseases such as Alzheimer's disease and Fragile X Syndrome.

Please submit items to feature by emailing Faculty-Senate@ouhsc.edu

IX. Announcements

- 2022 DEI Awards – Call for Nominations
- 2022 Faculty Governance Award – Voting by email open soon
- Next Faculty Senate meeting: April 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm

X. Adjournment

*Agenda subject to change**

Attachments: Minutes
2022 DEI Awards Flyer
Research IT Needs document and Standardization Policy

LIFTING
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**2022 DEI AWARDS
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**SUBMIT BY:
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022**

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the 2022 DEI awards. ODEI wants to lift the voices of inclusion by honoring the students, faculty, staff, and community partners who in this past year, nurtured a culture of belonging and emotional growth by advocating for and advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion practices at OU or in their communities.

Infused with the voices of individuals from the Norman, Health Sciences Center, and Tulsa campuses, this is a university-wide award program. Two new awards have been added to this year's program – one for community engagement and one for a trailblazer in DEI work.

DEI STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD

DEI FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARD

DEI CHAMPION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STAFF

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING AWARD

DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

DEI TRAILBLAZER AWARD



OU IT Research Computing Services Q&A

- **Does OU IT offer readily accessible server-based and cloud-based computing capacity for OUHSC researchers?**
 - Yes! OU IT offers both low-cost compute (Windows and Linux) and storage options for non-HIPAA or de-identified research data that are available to faculty at all three OU campuses. More information is available at the links below:
 - [Research computing website](#)
 - [Service and pricing matrix](#)
 - [OU Supercomputing Center for Education and Research](#)
 - [HSC IT Service Catalog](#) (adding new services soon)
 - For questions about these services, you can also contact Henry Neeman, IT Director of Research Computing, at hneeman@ou.edu.
- **Do we have options for hosting 3rd party and open source research tools for shared use across research groups? For instance, can we host MatLab modules written by other Universities to conduct data analysis?**
 - The services described above can be used to deploy these types of research tools.
 - For instance, MatLab is licensed for enterprise use, facilitating the use of MatLab plug-ins and modules written by other users for research purposes on our research cloud.
 - Software to be used with research data, whether purchased or downloaded from a resource on the Internet, should have a [risk assessment completed](#) prior to implementation with your research data. This will protect you and the University from data loss, cybercrime, etc.
- **Can HSC researchers use Norman campus services and tools despite HIPAA requirements at the Health Sciences Center campus?**
 - Yes! OU IT's new policy program has established a systemwide data classification ([Information Classification Standard](#)) that serves as the foundation for all University policies. Faculty research environments that do not include HIPAA data can leverage current OU IT research computing services.
 - OU IT is also working to deploy HIPAA enclaves for use with protected data types.
 - For questions about IT policy and its impact on your research, please contact April Dickson, OU IT Director for Governance, Risk, and Compliance, at April-Dickson@ouhsc.edu.
- **Do faculty still have to purchase standardized computers for research purposes?**
 - The Computer Standardization policy was refreshed last year (see attached).
 - Faculty purchasing with external funds (SPNSR, SP490, NONSP (FAR/SRI) can purchase non-standard machines (and more than one device) without additional approvals. Exception form is still required for inventory purposes, but approvals are automated.
 - For internal research funds, verification is required, but follows same guidelines as external funds once verification is complete.
 - Contact Chris Kobza, OU IT Director for Mission Support – HSC, at kobza@ou.edu for standardization questions.
- **Can faculty access on-campus services remotely? What about facilitating remote support for specialized lab equipment?**
 - OU IT offers a number of services that facilitate remote access to your on-campus resources. VPN and VDI are the primary methods.
 - For contractors needing on-campus access to repair or upgrade research equipment, departments can request affiliate accounts, which must be approved annually by department leadership. Once those accounts are created, contractors can use VPN or VDI to access the equipment securely.
 - OU IT is currently requesting feedback on the Remote Access Policy. [Click here to view and comment on draft policies.](#)
 - Contact Chris Kobza, OU IT Director for Mission Support – HSC, at kobza@ou.edu for help with remote access questions. Chris can coordinate with your Tier 1s to help solve these challenges.

For general IT feedback or questions, email Nicholas Key, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, at nkey@ou.edu.

Computer Standardization Policy Update

General Policy Changes

- Clarified Research Funding Sources
 - **External:** SPNSR, SP490, NONSP (FAR/SRI)
 - **Internal:** Center, startup, internal grants, etc.
- Can buy more than one standard computer per employee without completing Non-Standard Equipment request when ***using externally derived research funds***
- **Computer lifecycle:** Users may extend the life of computers beyond the posted lifecycle limits to include downcycling to other users

Non-Standard Equipment

- Form changed from Exception Request to Non-Standard Computer Equipment and Inventory form
- **Externally derived research funds:** Non-standard requests auto-approved but captured for inventory/asset management
- **Internally derived research funds:** Non-standard requests approved once funding source confirmed as these funds share accounts with non-research funds