

## Research Task Force (RTF) Minutes 4/10/2024

Present by Zoom:

Jonathan Bird (chair)

Mark Moehle

Erica Dale

Lisa Merlo

Mark Segal

Paramita Chakrabarty

Apologies:

Bhavana Patel

Cory Brunson

Agenda Items:

1. JB gave update on SantaFe initiative to recruit technical staff to COM labs. One student joined a COM lab for a 240 hour internship, and this is progressing well. RTF agreed to expand this program in the Fall to try and recruit more students for next academic year. This would include running an open day at COM, providing speakers to visit the Santa Fe Perry Center, and finally providing a list of potential lab mentors who would be willing to host an internship.
2. Discussion on the forthcoming basic science incentive plan focused upon how plan would address issues regarding pay equity at rank, and how non-tenure track faculty would qualify for the incentive plan.
3. The recent Research Advisory Council meeting was canceled and rescheduled for May.
4. Lisa presented preliminary results from the basic science wellness survey. Efforts are now focused on increasing uptake and use of the survey tool.
5. Next meeting we will discuss how to implement a central resource to collate and advertise all research talks / presentations in COM. This effort is to better advertise presentations and also to reduce the email volume sent to staff.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Wed 8th May, 3pm EST