

Appalachian State University
[University Research Council](#)

Approved Minutes
September 17, 2024

Meeting time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Attendance: Xiaofei Tu, Jenn McGee, Ashlea Green, Chauntee Thrill, Twila Wingrove, Gabriele Casale, Charna Howson, Reza Foroughi, Gary McCullough, Alan Needle, Karen Fletcher, Ashley Colquitt, Christine Hendren, Dennis Guignet, Heather Waldroup, Ashley Marshall, Grace Plummer, Becki Battista, Nicholas Cline, Ellen Lamont, Billy Armstrong, Elaine Berry, Nimet Degirmencioglu, Kate Hoffman

Excused: Shante' Mathes

Approval of Minutes - April 16, 2024

Motion to Approve by: Christine Hendren

Motion seconded by: Dennis Guignet

Motion passed

New Business

- I. Introductions
 - A. [URC 2024-2025 Introductory Slide Show](#)
- II. URC meetings - what to expect
 - A. Members will use an [AsULearn site](#) for URC meeting material this year
 - B. We will utilize URC Faculty Discussion Notes URC Administrator's Discussion Notes to record thoughts and facilitate discussions.
- III. Pivot RP
 - A. [Pivot RP Database \(Pivot Profiles\)](#) is available to all faculty, staff, and students on App State's campus. Log in using your App State ID.
 - B. A [Pivot Quick Start Guide](#) can be found here
 - C. Discussion:
 - 1. sharing opportunities can be useful.
 - 2. Could target communication about this resource to new faculty
 - 3. Could distribute physical fliers about this resource
 - a) Provide three tangible benefits in messaging about this

How do I update my Pivot Profile information?

Faculty profiles are initially created by Pivot-RP's editorial team for faculty members listed on university academic department websites. They include information such as names, email addresses, webpages, degree information, research interests, and current academic affiliations. The Pivot-RP editorial team reviews profiles on average every 12 - 18 months, however, you can make certain updates or additions at any time on your own.

Users can update or create a Pivot-RP profile by following these steps:

1. Go to the [Pivot-RP funding page](#)
2. Click Sign up in the top right-hand corner (use the "Access via My Institution Login" at the bottom of the drop down to sign is with your App State login credentials)
3. Click Create my account or Finish Creating your Pivot-RP Account by filling in the required fields
4. Open the confirmation email and click the verification link
5. Once you log in to Pivot, you can click on your name in the upper right-hand corner to see a drop down list of account options. If you have a profile linked to your account, you will see the option, **Your profile**. Click on this link to view your profile in full. If you wish to update your profile, click on the **Update profile** link. If you do not have a profile linked to your account, when you click on your name you will see the **Claim profile** link to either claim an existing profile or create a profile.

Announcements

- **Research Event Volunteers needed September 26!**
- Research and Creative Activity at Appalachian Event, September 26, 2024 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. Please attend if you are available and please encourage your colleagues to attend.
 - The Office of Research and Innovation, with support from Hayes School of Music, is excited to host the sixth annual Research and Creative Activity at Appalachian event on **Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Broyhill Music Center.**

Join us for lightning style presentations and performances with keynote addresses from the Chancellor's and Provost's Awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity. This event celebrates all research, scholarship and creative endeavors of App State faculty and staff. Light refreshments will be served.

- October 16th, 3:30 - 5pm, Mountaineer Student Scholar event, Student Union - announcement/invitation coming out soon
- Link to 3MT Registration- Encourage if you have graduate students completing research projects
 - <https://graduate.appstate.edu/events/three-minute-thesis-competition>

Next meeting October 22, 2024, 4:00pm

Guest speaker: Heather Langdon, Executive Director for Institutional Research, Assessment, and Planning ([IRAP](#))

Adjournment at 4:56 pm

Motion to Adjourn by William Armstrong

Motion seconded by Dennis Guignet