Ece Karatan calls the meeting to order.

New Business

1. Approval of the [October 20, 2020 minutes](#)

   MOTION (McCullough, Hendren): To approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020 meeting. VOTE: 11 – Approved, 0 – Opposed, 0 – Abstained. Motion passes.


   The UNC System is accepting COVID-19 related research proposals. Each campus may submit one proposal. Campus submissions are due to the Office of Research by Thursday, November 19 at noon. This is a tight deadline as the notice is dated November 13, 2020.

3. URC Fall 2020 Grants Funding Recommendations - Karen Fletcher & Ece Karatan

   Karen Fletcher shares her screen with the confidential funding recommendations spreadsheet. Funding all the green shaded rows amounts to $48,828 for eleven awards. Applications are light. Thank you for your reviews and work on scoring these. Any questions or thoughts? If there are none, Karen asks for a motion to fund as a package.
Maryam Ahmed asks if people can receive multiple awards over time? Karen states, yes, a person may receive multiple URC grant awards as long as there is a timely final report, they apply to an externally funded grant (after receiving their second award), and one year passes between the awards.

MOTION: - Andrew Caldwell motions, Mayram Ahmed seconds, to fund all applications shaded green for a total of eleven applications at a cost of $48,828.
VOTE:  11 – Approve, 0  - Oppose,  1  - Abstains. Motion passes.

Award recommendations from the Arts & Humanities review panel:

○ Mannon, Bethany (English) - $2,483 - “Cultivating Effective Online First-Year Writing Instruction at Appalachian State University”

Award recommendations from the Social Sciences, Business and Education review panel:

○ Lamont, Ellen (Sociology) - $4,900 - “Remaking Relationships: Appalachian Families in Flux”

○ Poling, Daniel (Reading Education & Special Education) - $4,290 - “Development and Pilot Study of an Online Language Arts-Integrated Social-Emotional Learning Intervention for Appalachian Academy at Middle Fork”

○ Kananovich, Volha (Communication) - $4,928 – “Who’s Picking Up The Tab? The Effects of The News Framing ff Spending Taxpayer Money on Citizens’ Demands for Government Accountability”

Award recommendations from the STEM review panel:

○ Amet, Francois (Physics & Astronomy) - $5,000 – “Mapping Electromechanical Defects in Electronic Nano Devices”

○ Shirzad, Sharareh (Sustainable Technology & the Built Environment) - $5,000 - “Chemical and Rheological Characterization of Bio-oil Modified Asphalt Binder”

○ Soule, Peter (Geography & Planning) - $4,732 - “A Dendroclimatic Reconstruction of Atmospheric River Precipitation in Southern California”

○ Windham, Andrew (Sustainable Technology & the Built Environment) - $5,000 - “Development and Testing of BN/ID Models for Controlling HVAC Processes”
Award recommendations from the Health review panel:

○ Marshall, Ashley (Health & Exercise Science) - $3,944 - “The Influence of Patient-Reported Outcome Measure Terminology on Symptom Reporting in Physically Active Individuals”


○ Russell, David (Sociology) – $3,966 “Exploring Illness Experiences of COVID-19 Long-Haulers in Online Communities of Support”

Motion to adjourn (Ahmed, Hendren). Adjournment 4:18 pm.