

**University Research Council**  
**March 7, 2019**  
**1:30-2:30 pm, Room 334 Bascom Hall**

**Attending:** *Council Members (voting):* Paul Ahlquist, Tim Donohue, Bill Karpus (*ex officio*), Christopher Kucharik, Miron Livny, Mario Ortiz-Robles, Carol Ryff, Sainath Suryanarayanan, Cecilia Stodd, Kirsten Wolf. *Council Members (ex officio, non-voting):* Steve Ackerman, Cynthia Czajkowski, Norman Drinkwater, Florence Hsia, Petra Schroeder.  
*VCRGE Office:* Kathleen Ruby  
*Guest:* Brian Yandell

**1. Welcome and Introductions (Norman Drinkwater)**

**2. Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2018 Meeting (Norman Drinkwater)**

- The minutes were approved

**3. Wisconsin National Primate Research Center Review (Cynthia Czajkowski)**

- The Primate Center is only 1 of 2 facilities nationally that can breed marmosets.
- Bill Karpus made the motion to accept the Primate Center review and Tim Donohue seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**4. Data Science Institute Proposal (Norman Drinkwater)**

- The Chancellor is fully committed to providing resources for core support until the center is self-sustaining.
- This will expand competitiveness for research support in many disciplines.
- It will be housed on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the McArdle building. There is a conference room on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor.
- Bill Karpus made the motion to accept the DSI proposal to create a new center and Chris Kucharik seconded the motion. All in favor. Tim Donohue abstained.
- It will now go to the University Academic Planning Council. There were letters of support from other centers and schools. After, it will be established within OVCRGE and an interim director will be named.

**5. Other Business**

- Give some thought to what the new initiative should be and we can discuss it at the April meeting.