Welcome to our monthly highlights bulletin covering the status of the Academic Master Plan’s strategic research initiatives, as well as administration and operations updates. This month’s notable highlights include finalizing the Life Sciences Alliance Report and awarding the digital badges to the inaugural research development professionals and faculty from the Research Development Academy™. We also thank Vice Provost for Life Sciences Research & Partnerships Jean Baum for her leadership and service to the OVPR from 2022–2024. Below are functions led by the OVPR Director and team:

### AMP Life Sciences Alliance
- Agendas, PPTs, minutes, and communications completed for all meetings
- ESC, PST, and Leadership Meetings (20 hours)
- Communications for Pilot Seed Funding ($240K; total of 6 awardees)
- Supported ESC during the completion of end-of-year strategy and next steps

### Administration & Operations
- Meetings scheduled (25)
- R–COMM PERC and DSAIC Meetings
- Monthly and FY budget review
- Indirect Cost Waiver benchmark, analysis, and Leadership Strategy Meetings (4)
- ByLaws Meeting
- Federal Work-Study Student supervision
- OVPR weekly agenda updates
- Human Resources / Staff professional development
- OVPR 2023–2024 Annual Report outline updates

### Other AMP Strategic Initiatives
- Senior Program Coordinator position recruitment
- Senior Academic Program Coordinator position recruitment
- Fellow mentorship meetings (3)
- Research Deans Meeting
- Limited Submission Meetings (4)
- Research Development Academy Digital Badging Awards
- Research Development Academy Debrief and Celebration
- Chancellor-repoting Strategic Initiatives strategy with Finance Office
- Chancellor Challenge NCE Meetings

### NOTABLE MENTIONS – A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO DR. CAROLYNN JULIEN
Thank you, Dr. Carolynn Julien, University Executive Director at Fairleigh Dickinson University, for her insightful presentation on the importance of mentorship and building intentional relationships to the inaugural members and digital credential awardees of the Research Development Academy™.

Cheers,

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