

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE May 6, 2020
MEETING TIME 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
LOCATION Zoom Meeting (B. Oppegaard hosted)

Attendance

Members

Name	Role	Attendance
Sayed Bateni	Member	Present
Christine Farrar	Fall Chair / Spring Sec.	Present
Brett Oppegaard	Spring Chair	Present
Stacy Ray	Member	Present
David Sanders	Vice Chair	Present
Jason Higa	Member	Present
Jim Potemra	SEC liaison	Present
Kevin Nute	Member	Present
Rajesh Jha	Member	Present

Guests

Name	Role	Time

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Subject	Discussion/Information	Action / Strategy / Responsible Person
Call to Order		The meeting was called to order by COR Chair B. Oppegaard at 12:00 PM.
Review of Minutes	1. The minutes of the 4/8/20 Committee on Research were reviewed.	1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 4/8/20 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.
Guests	1. None	
Chair's Report	1. L. Gouveia, previous Director of ORS, is new Executive Director of RCUH. V. Syrmos is the Interim Director of ORS.	
SEC Report	1. Covid-19 related policy change to credit/no credit discussed; rule for giving a final during the final period is being waived; project or final can be done at home. 2. Covid-19 related change in student requirement for SATs is being waived for 1 year; implications for Fall 2021 class are unknown. 3. Classroom teaching with social distancing expected for the Fall. Instructors will need to figure out how to conduct lab classes. 4. Budget for UH is still unknown. Current worst-case forecast is a 20% cut for the whole state, best-case is 12-15%. "Buyouts" may help departments with 11-month salaried faculty. 5. There are 3 departing SEC members and 3 new members; New members are Christine Sorenson, Brent Sipes, and Penny-Bee Bovard. J. Potemra will be back as next year's COR liaison.	
Unfinished Business	1. Proposed New Regents' Policies: UH Strategic Research Plan and RTRF. Original concerns regarding OVPRI intentions on use of RTRF were alleviated by V. Syrmos at last COR meeting. In light of Covid-19 related budget shortfalls, new concerns have arisen regarding potential non-research related use of RTRF by System/Manoa.	1. None at this time.
Business	1. Discussions & questions regarding Graduate Division requirements for international students over the next year.	1. J. Potemra will ask Grad. Division for info on requirements for international students.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Discussions & questions regarding P/F and tenure/promotion clock extension. T&P is being addressed by the Union. Length of extensions have not been determined. Course evaluations are optional; however, this may impact faculty particularly at the department level. Unsure how these policies will impact new faculty. As these policies may especially affect faculty involved in active research, COR should consider a joint resolution on them with the Committee on Professional Matters in the coming year. 3. Discussions on Phase II of Manoa Reorg. Provost told SEC that they were going to put this off until Fall but are now soliciting feedback (requested but not due by 5/31). After this, a new draft will be distributed to CAB, then CAB will come back to COR for feedback. They are hoping to implement Phase II by 1/1/21. 4. UHPA engagement (J. Higa). Contact your Union rep for any contract related issues during these uncertain times. Union reps are nominated by departments and then vetted by the Union prior to their appointments. Reps can be nominated, vetted, and appointed throughout the year. 5. Increasing public awareness of research at Manoa (K. Nute). Institutional membership with “The Conversation” can be used to promote awareness of UH research on the national level. Membership provides priority coverage and outreach by the journal for input on topics. Metrics are available to demonstrate impact (beneficial for dossiers). Another venue to consider is Think Tech Hawaii (with Jay Fidell). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. B. Oppegaard to put this proposed joint resolution in the list of recommended issues for next year’s COR. 3. C. Farrar will forward email regarding Phase II from UH Manoa Campus Design Team to COR members 4. None 5. B. Oppegaard & K. Nute to contact D. Meisenzahl regarding “The Conversation” membership and other venues.
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COR committee report and presentation for MFS meeting next week. Discuss issues that will be important for next year’s COR. Some issues left to address include: (1) incentives for participant research studies, (2) current access to Research Library, (3) status of ORS and facilitation of grant management and (4) foreign influence and COI concerns in research (5) proposal to reclassify faculty R-I-S designations. Other issues require further action, such as: (6) Phase II of reorg. and OVPRS (7) promotion & communication of research at Manoa, (8) RTRF use, transparency, 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. B. Oppegaard to put together list of potential matters for upcoming COR to address.

	and related policies, and (9) Covid related policy changes and their effects on researchers and research activities.	
Adjournment	This is the last meeting of the Committee on Research this school year.	2. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned by COR Chair B. Oppegaard 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Farrar, Spring secretary

Approved on X, 2020 with X votes in favor of approval and X votes against.