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**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE:** May 6th, 2021 **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**LOCATION:** Zoom Video Conference  
**ATTENDANCE:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		GUESTS	TIME
Sayed Bateni	E	Rajesh Jha	P	Jim Potemra, SEC liaison	P		
Steven Businger	E	Peiling Kao	P				
Duncan Farrah	E	Kevin Nute, Vice Chair	P				
Chris Farrar, Secretary	P	David Sanders	E				
Jason Kenji Higa, Chair	P	Anna Stirr	P				

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	1. Call to order.	1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Higa at 4:01 pm.
<b>REVIEW OF MINUTES</b>	1. The minutes of the April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021 Committee on Research (COR) was circulated electronically.	1. Motion by K. Nute to approve the minutes; seconded by A. Stirr. Approved 5 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.
<b>CHAIRS REPORT</b>	1. Welcome and Agenda	1. The meeting's agenda was circulated electronically
<b>SEC REPORT</b>	1. The agenda of the final MFS meeting next Wednesday was discussed.  2. The legislature has passed a bill to cut 30 million dollars from UHM's budget after saying they would make even cuts across the various campuses. Potential actions by the Governor and/or University were discussed.	1. None  2. None
<b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	1. None	1. None



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NEW BUSINESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There seems to be an opinion held by at least one member of the Higher Ed. Comm. (and potentially by some administrators and faculty at UH) that Research Faculty are not required to teach as much as other faculty and must therefore carry less of a workload. It is thought that if a faculty member does not carry a 4/4 load, they should be “buying out” their teaching assignments. This is a clear misunderstanding of how grants function and of education in general, where a lot of it takes place outside of the classroom, in laboratories and in engaged projects in the community. Therefore, how do we educate our legislative members, colleagues, and community members about the value that research contributes to the University, the community, and the State of Hawaii as a whole? How do we communicate the importance of being ranked as an “R1” university, and the ability to recruit leading researchers to UHM?</li> <li>2. Staffing concerns for the Manoa OVPRS in Phase II or Manoa Reorg (esp. in regards to positions for a Research Program Officer and someone to handle research infrastructure issues). COR objected to aspects of the reorg. that will result in the diminution of the OVPRS. One specific concern is that staffing of the office went from 6 funded position in the previous org. chart to 4 positions in Phase I, to 2 positions in Phase II.</li> <li>3. Web of Science and Journal Citation Reports (JCR) was discussed.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potential topic for COR in the Fall: how to promote the value of research. It may be critical to have students more involved in outreach efforts and to make them more interdisciplinary. Potential guests for COR on this topic: Velma Kameoka (Vice Chancellor of Research), Vassilis Syrmos (VP of Research), Dan Meisenzahl (Director of UH Communications), Jennel Sesoko (Higher Education Marketing)</li> <li>2. Potential topic for COR in the Fall: what can COR do to support staffing efforts for this office; Potential guests for COR on this topic: Velma Kameoka (Vice Chancellor of Research), Chad Walton (Associate Vice Chancellor of Research), Vassilis Syrmos (VP of Research)</li> <li>3. Report to SEC that use of these tools is not consistent across all departments and it may be necessary to get a department by department response.</li> </ol>
ADJOURNMENT		The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Farrar, Secretary.

Approved on September 1st, 2021 with 6 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.