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COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: April 22nd, 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
CALL TO ORDER	1. Call to order.	1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Higa at 4:01 pm.
REVIEW OF MINUTES	1. The minutes of the March 25 th , 2021 Committee on Research (COR) was circulated electronically.	1. Motion to approve the minutes made by R. Jha; seconded by K. Nute. Minutes were approved with 5 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.
CHAIRS REPORT	1. Welcome and Agenda	1. The meeting's agenda was circulated electronically.
SEC REPORT	1. Phase II of Reorg: MFS passed CAB's resolution against PhII, but BOR approved it anyway; CAB did not incorporate COR's concerns regarding PhII in feedback to BOR; PhII will have a 3- to 5-year implementation; Manoa will still have VCs until VPs are hired to replace them; these	1. Potential business for COR in the Fall: Discuss the OVPRS in Phase II of the Reorg (invite OVPRS members to COR meeting as guests)



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	<p>positions have to go through national or local search</p> <p>2. MFS meeting 4/21/21: MFS bylaw modifications were discussed; there was contention regarding some committees that include both faculty and administration (standing committees). There is a need to codify how these committees work; CAB tried to impose one view but ran up against some resistant to that view</p> <p>3. Vaccinations: hopefully they will bring some normality back to campus; students can't be required to vaccinate because they are technically considered "experimental" until they receive full FDA approval; although some schools are making them a requirement (like Rutgers).</p> <p>4. Phase II and Graduate Council: Concerns have arisen regarding how Grad Div will fall in phase II. Some ORUs don't rely on Grad Div to recruit students, but some are very concerned about how recruitment will be handled and how Grad Div will work with research groups</p>	<p>2. None</p> <p>3. None</p> <p>4. Potential business for COR in the Fall: discuss Grad Div in PhaseII of Reorg. as it relates to research at UH Manoa</p>
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<p>1. None</p>	<p>1. None</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>1. Discussion regarding new hiring metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Native Hawaiian Place of Learning: This is fundamental to our Institution and should be prioritized. There may be questions as to how to bridge the gap between that and certain areas of research b. Sustainability/Environment: This is not given a high enough priority considering eminent threat of global warming c. Outreach/Engagement with the Community: these activities appear 	<p>1. Potential guest for COR in the Fall: someone from the Kuail'i Council to address how to improve the interconnection between research at UH and UH as a Hawaiian place of learning</p>



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	<p>similar to service related activities that have often seemed undervalued at UH in the past</p> <p>d. Research and Creative Works: This section seems short, although it may not be beneficial to further define this or other criteria, as a more generalized description may allow for some leeway in meeting the criteria; same metrics in this section should not be applied to all areas of research and creative works, such as size of grants. For example, in some areas, the grants are often small, collaborative, and/or shared internationally; research in Dance vs. Chemistry are not comparable; also these metrics may come into conflict with some funding sources that have their own criteria (ie. Fulbright)</p> <p>e. In regards to the whole document, clarification is still needed on DQs and MQs</p>	
ADJOURNMENT		Motion to adjourn by R. Jha; seconded by A. Stirr. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Farrar, Secretary.

Approved on May 6, 2020 with 5 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.