

## Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE April 4, 2024

MEETING TIME 11:30 PM - 12:30 PM

LOCATION Virtual, via Zoom

### Attendance

#### Members

Name	Role	Attendance
Jason Kenji Higa	Chair	Present
Lang Wu	Vice-Chair	Excused
Rachel Lentz	Secretary	Present
Duncan Farrah	Member	Present
Christoph Rettenmeier	Member	Present
Sayed Bateni	Member	Present
Edo Biagioni	SEC Liaison	Present

#### Guests

Name	Role	Time
none		

Subject	Discussion/Information	Action / Strategy / Responsible Person
Call to Order	1.	The meeting was called to order by Chair Higa at 11:33 AM.

<b>Review of Minutes</b>	1. The minutes of the 3/7/24 COR meeting were circulated electronically.	1. Rettenmeier made a motion to approve the 3/7/24 meeting minutes; Bateni seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.
<b>Chair's Report</b>	1. Invited VPRI Vassilis Syrmos (acting ORS director) and Victoria Rivera (Interim Contracts & Grants Manager) to May meeting for update on ORS situation	1.
<b>Action Items</b>	1.	1.
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	<p>1. Exploration of graduate student salary data supplied by HR. Concerning that some RA students fall below step 12 (minimum required); should verify after August (when step 13 min in effect). Substantial number of students will bump from step 12 to 13. If all grad assistants bumped to step 16 (as required for international), would cost ~\$4.5M (1% of total extramural funding). Questions interesting to explore further: How will salary increases affect PIs and depts? How can TA salaries be bettered? How many students do we lose bc current salaries aren't sufficient? How many student might we lose with increases (bc grants can't cover them)?</p> <p>2. Discussed the GenEd restructuring proposal from CAPP. Heard about CAPP meeting with Debbie Halbert. Farrah mentioned CNS putting in testimony strongly against the proposal as it would extend most STEM degreed by a year</p>	<p>1a. Higa will ask HR for international student data 1b. Work on a way to present findings at May senate meeting 1c. Set up Google drive folder to work together offline</p> <p>2. No actions agreed upon</p>
<b>New Business</b>	1.	1.
<b>Adjournment</b>	The next meeting of the Committee on Research will be on May 2, 2024.	Farrah made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Bateni. Meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel CF Lentz, Secretary  
Approved unanimously on May 2, 2024.