

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE April 4, 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
Vassilis Syrmos	Vice President for Research and Innovation	12:05-12:40
Velma Kameoka	Vice Chancellor for Research	12:05-12:40

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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 3/11/20 Committee on Research were reviewed.	1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 3/11/20 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

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Guests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vassilis Syrmos, VP for Research and Innovation and Velma Kameoka, VC for Research <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Impact of Covid-19 on University funding: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. While general and special funds are expected to go down, extramural funds are expected to be equal to or greater than the prior year. ii. During this critical period the OVPR sees the importance of stimulating and investing in research and expanding research capacity at UH. iii. RTRF is expected to remain intact and the OVCR intends to ensure that its use continues to comply with the guiding statute. iv. Cost sharing challenges are expected for the remainder of the year. President Lassner is expected to come out with a message soon. b. Regents Policies Change <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Changes to the Executive Policy related to RTRF would give System 10% for strategic hiring; this provides a way to account for money that is spent in this way already; not an extra allocation or a deduction from RTRF ii. An SEC member is expected to be on the committee iii. RTRF apportionments are expected to be made official c. COR feedback/questions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Regarding anticipated Covid-19 related budget shortfalls, there is concern that rampant misinformation is circulating among departments. Clear messaging is needed from administration to fill the information vacuum. 	
Chair's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None. 	

SEC Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Covid-19 related policy change to P/F grading system discussed; it is unclear whether students will be afforded a choice and how much advanced notice they will be given. 2. Covid-19 related change in tenure/promotion clock was discussed; UHPA has indicated that they are addressing this. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None
Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussions regarding tenure/promotion clock extension. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Potential for evaluation given as P/F b. Need for extensions to be given without fear of downstream repercussions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Potemra will bring concerns regarding tenure to the SEC.
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion for holding meeting in May. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A motion to hold a meeting in May was made and seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
Adjournment	The next meeting of the Committee on Research will be on May 6, 2020.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 unanimously on May 6, 2020.