

## Committee on Research Meeting Minutes

**MEETING DATE** February 1, 2024

**MEETING TIME** 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**LOCATION** Virtual, via Zoom

### Attendance

#### Members

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

#### Guests

Name	Role	Time
none		

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Subject	Discussion/Information	Action / Strategy / Responsible Person
<b>Call to Order</b>	1.	The meeting was called to order by Chair Higa at 11:34 am.
<b>Review of Minutes</b>	1. The minutes of the 12/6/23 COR meeting were circulated electronically.	1. The minutes were approved by acclamation..
<b>Chair's Report</b>	1.	1.
<b>Action Items</b>	1.	1.
<b>Guest(s)</b>	1.	1.
<b>Committee Reports</b>	1.	1.
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	1.	1.
<b>New Business</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. COR decided on spring meeting times: first Thursday of each month at 11:30 am. Special meetings will be proposed by email.</li> <li>2. Extended discussion regarding issues with new hiring procedures for postdoctoral associates. SBatani presented background history of revisions to UH postdoctoral employee policies and efforts of ad hoc UHM Postdoc Committee. In particular, most recent 30-question form required for permission to hire postdoctoral associates has proved challenging. In response, UHM Postdoc Committee requests COR to invite President Lassner to next COR meeting to facilitate a discussion and presentation of alternative process and form. COR acknowledges complexity and scale of the issue (i.e., the discussion of adequate salaries for postdocs is not just at UH) and suggested further efforts be made as a group to explore the topic this semester, including looking at approaches of</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RLentz made a motion to approve; SBatani seconded. All voted in favor of meeting time.</li> <li>2. COR agreed this is unfinished business to continue discussing at next meeting, and ongoing through the semester.</li> </ol>

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	other comparable institutions to generate compromises and offer up tangible solutions.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The next meeting of the Committee on Research will be on March 7, 2024.	RLentz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by SBateni. Meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel CF Lentz, Secretary

Approved unanimously on March 7, 2024.

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