

Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE May 2, 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
Christoph Rettenmeier	Member	Present
Sayed Bateni	Member	Present
Edo Biagioni	SEC Liaison	Present

Guests

Name	Role	Time
Vassilis Syrmos	Acting ORS Director	
Victoria Rivera	Interim Contracts & Grants, ORS	

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Subject	Discussion/Information	Action / Strategy / Responsible Person
Call to Order	1.	The meeting was called to order by Chair Higa at 11:31 AM.
Review of Minutes	1. The minutes of the 4/4/24 COR meeting were circulated electronically.	1. Approved by acclamation.
Chair's Report	1.	1.
Action Items	1.	1.
Guest(s)	1. VPRI Vassilis Syrmos (acting ORS director) and Victoria Rivera (Interim Contracts & Grants Manager)	1.
Committee Reports	1.	1.
Unfinished Business	1.	1.
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion with guests about the status of ORS backlog and efforts to improve the situation: delays are improving with an estimate that within 3-4 months will be back to normal time frames. However, with increased success of grant awards (up 50% from last year), there is more work than previously, so that is a challenge, too. Still hiring more new people. ORS encourages anyone with concerns about a delayed grant to contact them directly. 2. Also discussed issue with a large balance of RTRF, strategies for spending it down effectively and productively (before it is seized). 	1.
Adjournment	The next meeting of the Committee on Research will be in the fall of 2024.	Meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted by Rachel CF Lentz, Secretary

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