**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** December 5, 2017 **10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Location:** Hawaii Hall 208

**Attendance:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

| **MEMBERS** | | **MEMBERS** | | **MEMBERS** | | **GUESTS** | **TIME** |
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| Noa Lincoln | E | Jennifer Beamer  (Spring Chair) | E |  |  | VCR Michael Bruno | 10:35 AM- 11:30 AM |
| Peter Mouginis-Mark (Secretary) | P | Rajesh Jha | P |  |  | AVCR Velma Kameoka | 10:35 AM- 11:30 AM |
| Tao Yan | P | Katalin Csiszar | P |  |  |  |  |
| David Sanders | P | Brett Oppegaard | P |  |  |  |  |
| James Richardson (Fall Chair) | P |  |  | David Duffy - SEC liaison | P |  |  |

| **SUBJECT** | **DISCUSSION / INFORMATION** | **ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON** |
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| **CALL TO ORDER** |  | Meeting was called to order by James Richardson, COR Chair at 10:30 AM. |
| **REVIEW OF MINUTES** | 1. Review of minutes of October 5, 2017 meeting. Nov. 2nd meeting was cancelled. | 1. Motion by David Sanders to approved the October 5, 2017 minutes; seconded by Pete Mouginis-Mark. Approved unanimously. |
| **CHAIRS REPORT** | 1. None |  |
| **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** | 1. None |  |
| **BUSINESS** | 1. Discussion with guests VCR Michael Bruno and Associate VCR Velma Kameoka RTRF distribution. The discussion focused on the apparent unequal information flow on how departments below the Dean’s level were spending these resources. Some departments return the funds to the faculty, others have the Chair/Director retain all monies to spend on infrastructure, and yet others split the resources. At the faculty level, many people do not know what is done in their unit. 2. Faculty designations. CoR continued the discussion of the differences between “I” and “R” faculty, and the VCR’s needed approval for hiring new R Faculty. VCR Bruno reported that there has been a dramatic change in the offer letters to new R faculty, in that their teaching, research and service obligations are now more tightly defined. His preference is that, ultimately, we will just have “Faculty” without these designations. 3. Campus Reorganization. Rationale for new approach is to better integrate research with teaching. Most academic deans prefer this approach, although some ORUs disagree. Several different potential models for changes to Manoa’s reorganization were discussed, including Deans reporting direct to Provost or the “horizontal model” adopted by University of Washington which includes an Associate Provost. Concern was raised that any step which moves research lower down in the reporting scheme would make sustaining our R1 status more difficult, particularly if future Chancellors/Provosts do not have a research background. VCR Bruno stated that Manoa is 37th nationally in research, and that President Lassner and he will make sure that whatever model is adopted will ensure that our campus will continue to have a strong voice for research. | 1. VCR Bruno is going to raise the issue of transparency in RTRF allocation at an upcoming meeting with Chairs. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | 1. The next meeting of the Committee on Research will be in January, 2018, but Chair Richardson will decide on time/day once CoR members’ new teaching schedules become clear. | * Motion to adjourn by P. Mouginis-Mark, seconded by Jennifer Beamer. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM. |

Respectfully submitted by Peter Mouginis-Mark, secretary

Approved on January 9, 2018 with 5 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.