**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** January 9, 2018 **1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

**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 |  |  | None |  |
| Peter Mouginis-Mark (Secretary) | P | Rajesh Jha | P |  |  |  |  |
| Tao Yan | P | Katalin Csiszar | E |  |  |  |  |
| David Sanders | A | 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 Acting Chair at 1:33 PM. |
| **REVIEW OF MINUTES** | 1. Review of minutes of December 5, 2017 meeting. | 1. Motion by Brett Oppegaard to approved the December 5, 2017 minutes; seconded by Pete Mouginis-Mark. Approved unanimously. (5 “Yes”, 0 “abstain”) |
| **CHAIRS REPORT** | 1. James Richardson assumed Chair for the meeting, as Jennifer Beamer (Spring Chair) was absent. 2. After a brief review, we agreed that CoR will meet at 1:30 p.m. every first Tuesday of the month. |  |
| **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** | 1. None |  |
| **BUSINESS** | 1. David Duffy raised the issue that, at some time, the Regents may well question the workload of research faculty. He raised the question that CoR might want to take a look at how research performance is defined across campus.   Pete Mouginis-Mark commented that within SOEST general criteria for the various departments and Institutes already exist, and showed an example from April 2016.  Brett Oppegaard suggested that metrics must exist within each unit, as faculty who come up for tenure or promotion must meet unit guidelines. Rajesh Jha recognized that there must be a wide range across campus, and even within his unit (CTAHR) there are large differences. Nevertheless, James Richardson suggested that a good way forward would be for CoR to request (from VCAA’s office) copies of these T/P criteria. After discussing the best strategy by which a preliminary review could be done without too much initial effort and what might be done with this material once collected, a vote was taken on “Should CoR request T/P criteria from VCAA Office?”  Result: The vote was unanimously in favor. 5 “Yes” (to collect information, 0 “No”, 0 “abstain”.   1. No other business. | 1. James Richardson will discuss with Chair Jennifer Beamer to decide who will contact VCAA’s Office for T/P criteria documents. Progress will be reported at next meeting. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | 1. The next meeting of the Committee on Research will be on February 6, 2018 from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM in Hawaii Hall 208. | * Motion to adjourn by Rajesh Jha, seconded by Pete Mouginis-Mark. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m. |

Respectfully submitted by Peter Mouginis-Mark, secretary

Approved on February 6, 2018 with 6 votes in favor of approval and 0 abstentions.