**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** September 26, 2018 **1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Location:** Hawaii Hall 208

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

| **MEMBERS** | | **MEMBERS** | | **MEMBERS** | | **GUESTS** | **TIME** |
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| Katalin Csiszar | P | James Richardson | P |  |  | None |  |
| Christine Farrar (Secretary) | P | David Sanders (Fall Chair) | P |  |  |  |  |
| Rajesh Jha | P | Tetine Sentell | P |  |  |  |  |
| Brett Oppegaard | P |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| James Potemra (Vice Chair) | P |  |  | David Duffy - SEC liaison | E |  |  |

| **SUBJECT** | **DISCUSSION / INFORMATION** | **ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON** |
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| **CALL TO ORDER** |  | Meeting was called to order by D. Sanders, COR chair, at 1:00 p.m. |
| **REVIEW OF MINUTES** | 1. The COR minutes of August 22, 2018 were reviewed and minor corrections made. 2. COR members note that Mark Slovak has left and confirm that CSF has been notified for his replacement. Members confirm that in lieu of a replacement and in the case of a tie vote, rules of order stipulate that the chair’s vote carries, upon the principle that the decision of the chair can be reversed only by a majority of the assembly. | Motion by D. Sanders to approve the August 22, 2018 minutes; seconded by R. Jha Approved unanimously (8 “Yes”, 0 “abstain”, 0 “No”). |
| **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** | 1. None |  |
| **BUSINESS** | 1. J. Potemra describes meeting with V. Kameoka regarding potential new acquisition of “Discovery Suite” from Academic Analytics, a database search engine for extramural funding and collaborations. This would replace “Pivot” from Proquest that does not currently have the data analytics that Discovery Suite has. This software would be paid for by M. Bruno (interim VCAA/VCR) using his part of the RTRF that does not go back to the departments. It is noted that this is most useful for departments not already getting grants. There is a need for an outreach component. The following concerns are expressed by COR members:    1. Do the benefits justify the costs?    2. Are there potential issues with the parent company?    3. What are the other options available to purchase?    4. What is being lost by eliminating Pivot and what does this do that is not already available through current tools such as Pivot, Researchgate and Academia.edu    5. Identifying collaborators that are unknown to a researcher is not practical. This software does not help to support the ORU’s.    6. Identifying grant opportunities for departments not already getting them will not help them to write competitive grants. Would it be more beneficial to use funds to help promote/teach discipline-specific grant writing skills?    7. What data is mined? What are the terms of “opting in”?    8. What are the expectations from the COR by the OVCR?   The following suggestions are made by COR members:   * 1. Provide discipline-specific grant writing workshops.   2. Have several members of the COR join the Research Advisory Council sub-committee. They should represent the diverse nature of research at the University.  1. D. Duffy sent an email to the COR prior to the meeting suggesting COR to discuss issues regarding ORS and its leadership.    1. Several COR members express concern regarding the level and timeliness of support from the ORS. Grants get caught there for a month or longer.    2. There is concern that recent changes to cut costs and eliminate positions are only lending to the problem.    3. We would like to know what are the metrics for ORS improvement.    4. We suggest the formation of a faculty advisory committee for ORS and to invite L. Gouveia to future COR meeting.      1. B. Oppegaard met with JT Ash regarding HIPAA compliance. JT has ideas for increasing our compliance level and would like to speak to COR. | 1. J. Potemra to relay list of concerns and suggestions from the COR to V. Kameoka regarding Discovery Suite and RAC sub-commitee. Invite her to future COR meeting. 2. D.Sanders to invite L. Gouveia to future COR meeting. 3. B. Oppegaard to invite JT Ash (or member of ETS?) to future COR meeting. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | 1. The next meeting of the Committee on Research will be on October 24, 2018 in Hawaii Hall 208. R. Jha will be absent from this meeting. | The motion to adjourn was proposed by B. Oppegaard and seconded by R. Jha. This motion was passed unanimously (8 “Yes”, 0 “abstain”, 0 “No”).  Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. |

Respectfully submitted by Christine Farrar, secretary

Approved on November 28, 2018 with 7 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.