

Commission on Research
March 11, 2021
3:30 – 5:00pm
Videoconference

Present: Raj Bhagavathula (presiding), Hypatia Alexandria, Jeff Alwang, Harry Dorn, Donald Hempson, Elizabeth Grant, Matt Holt, Ran Jin, Leslie LaConte, Kevin McGuire, Cristina Miliano, Tasia Persson, John Phillips, Robin Queen, Karen Roberto, Manisha Singal, Daniel Sui, Stephanie Trout, Lijuan Yuan

OVPRI Support: Kim Borkowski, Laurel Miner

Absent with Notice: Jonathan Petters, Julia Ross

Absent: Jeff Hickman, Emily Warwick

Guests: Ginny Pannabecker (for Jonathan Petters), Pam VandeVord (for Julia Ross), Wayne Scales, Brandy Salmon

Raj Bhagavathula called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 11, 2021.

Raj Bhagavathula noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be accessed on the [Commission on Research shared drive](#).

3. Old Business

Resolution COR 2020-21C

Resolution to Increase University Institute Representation in the COR

Raj Bhagavathula notified the commission that the University Council's first reading of this resolution was held at the March 1 University Council Meeting. No comments were made. The resolution was updated to include definitions for an investment institute and a thematic institute. For consistency, definitions will also be added to Policy 13005 and Policy 3020, and will be updated in the next year. Second Reading will be held at the March 15 University Council Meeting. Resolution materials [attached](#).

Resolution COR 2020-21B

Policy 13015: Ownership and Control of Research Data, Results and Related Materials

Raj Bhagavathula notified the commission that the University Council's first reading of this resolution was held at the March 1 University Council Meeting and no comments were made. Second Reading will be held at the March 15 University Council Meeting. Resolution materials [attached](#).

4. New Business

Resolution CFA 2020-21G

Resolution to Extend Term Limit for Postdoctoral Associate Faculty Appointment

Laurel Miner presented a resolution being put forth by the Commission on Faculty Affairs (CFA) to extend the term limit for postdoctoral associate faculty appointment from four (4) years to five (5) years. Additionally, Cristina Miliano explained how the term limit extension would be helpful to the postdoctoral career path. The CFA conducted its First Reading on March 5 and will have their Second Reading in the next couple of weeks. Resolution materials [attached](#).

Postdoctoral Support Activities

Wayne Scales presented updates on postdoctoral support activities. Specific approaches of support include updating Chapter 6 in the Faculty Handbook, standing up a VT Postdoctoral Association, and creating a Postdoctoral Affairs Office. Cristina Miliano provided additional details on the structure, membership, and goals of the Postdoctoral Association, which will have its first meeting this month. Additionally, efforts and collaborations within the university are being made to provide support materials and workshops for postdoc career development and mentorship resources, such as the Graduate School GTA Workshop and the Center for Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER). Materials [attached](#).

4. Presentations

Brandy Salmon, Associate Vice President for Innovation and Partnerships, gave a presentation on Intellectual Property (IP) Committee Reformation and Vision ([attached](#)).

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM.