

Minutes

**COMMISSION ON RESEARCH**

May 5 2022

3:30pm-5:00pm

130 Burruss Hall and Zoom

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Present: Jeff Alwang (presiding), Monty Abbas (for Robin Queen), Sheryl Ball, Isabel Bradburn, Christina Chuong, Ronald Gibbons, Rob Gourdie, William Headley, Randy Heflin, Matt Holt, Ran Jin, Leslie LaConte, Kevin McGuire, Luke Neurauter, Tasia Persson, Jonathan Petters, Alexandra Poetter, Karen Roberto, Manisha Singal, Dan Sui, Stephanie Trout, Elizabeth White, Lijuan Yuan

Research and Innovation Support: Kim Borkowski, Laurel Miner

Absent with notice: Cristina Miliano, Lydia Patton, Don Hempson, Alex Leonessa, Lydia Patton, Robin Queen, Pamela VandeVord (for Julie Ross)

Guests: Kim Linkous

Jeff Alwang called the meeting to order at 3:31pm. A quorum was present.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 2022**

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

**3. Old Business**

**Continued Discussion on 2022-2023 Business**

Jeff Alwang reminded the Commission that, due to changes in Virginia Tech's governance system that will likely be approved by the Board of Visitors over the summer, the Commission on Research will be a commission of the Faculty Senate. This means that the Faculty Senate will elect the COR chair, and will help set the agenda for the COR.

The Commission discussed desired topics for the next academic year. These included:

- Continued efforts to ensure representation of Research Faculty ranks in governance. While recent changes ensured research faculty associated with academic colleges would be represented, additional attention is needed to allow research faculty in the institutes to be represented.
- General evaluation of the administrative burden on researchers, and the various administrative and operational hurdles that limit research productivity. Specific examples include:
  - Human subjects research and the institutional review board
  - Engagement of the controllers' office in paying human subjects research participants
- Future strategic direction and support of international research
- Software procurement, which continues to be a considerable hurdle for all aspects of the university's mission, but especially for research.

#### **4. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 PM.