

Minutes

**COMMISSION ON RESEARCH**

13 October 2021  
1:30pm-3:00pm  
130 Burruss Hall and Zoom

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Present: Jeff Alwang (presiding), Sheryl Ball, Isabel Bradburn, Christina Chuong, Ronald Gibbons, Robert Gourdie, Chris Headley, Matt Holt, Ran Jin, Alex Leonessa, Tasia Persson, Jonathan Petters, Alexandra Poetter, Karen Roberto, Manisha Singal, Dan Sui, Robin Queen, Elizabeth White

OVPRI Support: Kim Borkowski, Laurel Miner

Absent with notice: Kevin McGuire, Don Hempson, Leslie LaConte, Cristina Miliano, Lydia Patton, Stephanie Trout, Lijuan Yuan

Absent: Pam VandeVord

Guests: Regina Allen, Vince Baranauskas, Raj Bhagavathula, Dee Harris, Bob Hicok, Kim Linkous, Ken McCrery, Scott Midkiff, Robyn Smyth

Jeff Alwang called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. 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 September 9, 2021**

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

**3. Presentations**

Scott Midkiff, Vice President for Information Technology, gave a presentation on IT Procurement ([attached](#)). Ken McCrery, Chief of Staff, was also in attendance as he oversees the [Information Technology Procurement and Licensing Solutions](#) (ITPALS) group. The presentation included average completion time, defined states for procurement, and the review process. The Commission discussed how it could support improvements in procurement completion times.

#### **4. Business**

Robert Hicok, Professor of English, Faculty Senate Member, and representative of the President's Committee on Governance gave a presentation on alignment of the Commission on Research in the proposed new governance model ([attached](#)).

Ran Jin, Associate Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering, and Commission on Research Co-Chair, gave a presentation on Research Faculty Representation in Governance ([attached](#)). There is not yet a clear path for providing representation in faculty senate to research faculty who do not have departmental affiliation (ie, those whose primary affiliation is with Institutes). The Commission discussed establishing a working group to review opportunities for supporting the professional development of research faculty, including, but not limited to, involvement in governance.

Christina Chuong, Biomedical Veterinary Sciences Graduate Student and Commission on Research member, gave a presentation on two Graduate and Professional Student Senate Resolutions ([attached](#)).

#### **5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 PM.

**\*Please take note of the 2021-2022 meetings listed below** which will all take place in 130 Burruss Hall and virtually, from 3:30-5:00 pm, on the **2nd Thursday of each month** (with a few exceptions to accommodate academic year events or breaks)

2021-2022

- November 11
- December 9
- February 10
- March 3\* (1st Thurs/month)
- April 14
- May 5\* (1st Thurs/month)