

Minutes
COMMISSION ON RESEARCH

12 September 2019
130 Burruss Conference Room
3:30pm-5:00pm

CoR Documents available to CoR members in Team Drive: [CoR FY20](#)

Attendance (quorum met)

Members present: Rajaram Bhagavathula, Don Hempson, Uri Kahanovich, Kevin McGuire, Alan Michaels, Deborah Milley, John Phillips, Elizabeth Grant, Kevin McGuire, Wayne Scales (for Julie Ross), Don Taylor, Stephanie Trout, Robert Vogelaar, Lijuan Yuan; Ken Miller

OVPRI: Laurel Miner, Kim Borkowski

Members absent: Jeff Alwang, Ralph Badinelli, Brian Britt, Matt Holt, Karen Roberto, Erin Smith

Minutes

- I. [3:30] Introductions
- II. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Approved
- III. Approval of May 2019 Minutes
 - A. May 8, 2019 Minutes will be sent for approval via email with September 12, 2019 Minutes
- IV. [3:45] Announcements
 - A. Discussion of FY20 CoR priorities and call for additional topics – A. Michaels
 1. Actions from Committee on Research Competitiveness
 - a) Chair requested volunteer for leading the Committee on Research Competitiveness, taking over from Stefan Duma
 2. Policy 13005
 - a) Chair introduced Policy 13005 for plans to request second reading and CoR vote at October meeting; working draft in shared meeting folder
 3. Faculty handbook evaluations
 - a) L. Miner provided an overview of OVPRI working group charged with evaluating Research Faculty portions of Faculty handbook.
R. Bhagavathula and U. Kahanovich volunteered to be part of the working group and represent the Commission on Research.

4. Open Access
 - a) Chair announced Open Access policy update and plans to request first reading at October meeting; working draft in shared meeting folder
 - B. Commission Chairs meeting: 3 Sept 2019 – A. Michaels
 1. Priorities of other Commissions
 2. Discussion of Experiential Learning across Commissions
 - a) Chair introduced series of discussions at commission chairs meetings offering interest in experiential learning; requested volunteers to consider a committee to evaluate adoption and effectiveness of experiential activities across research enterprise.
 - C. Shared Governance training – A. Michaels
 1. April Myers provided a helpful training document that will be added to the shared folder.
 - D. Calls for guest speaker topics – A. Michaels
 1. Chair requested input on potential meeting special topics and presenters for FY20; responses included (1) Dr. Sands re: charter of CoR; (2) Lisa Lee for Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance; (3) new COI Director (once selection is announced); (4) TBD for VTIC / NoVA strategy; (5) VTIP and technology commercialization; (6) university outreach, both in local Blacksburg area and at the state level; (7) Grad School for research support for graduate students; (8) open call for other topics
- V. [4:15] Unfinished Business
- A. Report of Ongoing Activities
 1. Committee on Research Competitiveness – A. Michaels
 - a) Final report from 8 May 2019 in meeting folder
 2. University Library Committee – E. Smith
 - a) No report.
 3. Faculty Senate – B. Vogelaar
 - a) The August 16th Faculty Senate meeting was devoted to the enrollment situation at VT. Guests were: Coogan Thompson (GSA), Madelynn Todd (BOV), Cyril Clarke (Provost), Reese Ramos (Ombuds).
 - b) The August 30th meeting was devoted to questions to and answers from the Provost Cyril Clarke.
 - c) Minutes, once approved, will be posted here: <https://www.facultysenate.vt.edu/about/faculty-senate-agendas-minutes.html>
 - d) The Faculty Senate President, John Ferris, did not highlight any specific topics for me to bring up at the COR meeting today.
 4. Update to Policy 13005 – A. Michaels
 - a) See Announcements section
 5. Open Access Policy update – K. McGuire

- a) Resolution and OA policy draft will be presented at October meeting. Document drafts are located in the meeting folder and can be shared for feedback.
- 6. Public Access to Research Data Committee -- E. Grant / R. Baghavathula
 - a) The committee met on February 27, March 27, and April 24 of 2019. Findings from those meetings were included in a paper entitled "Public Access: A Driver for Preservation and Discovery of Datasets at a US Land-Grant Institution" presented at the IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Athens, Greece, 24 Aug 2019 - 30 Aug 2019.
- B. OVPRI Update – D. Taylor
 - 1. D. Taylor thanked everyone for serving on the commission.
 - 2. Currently placing emphasis on aligning OVPRI strategic plan with that of Virginia Tech's.
 - 3. Biocomplexity Institute and Fralin Life Science Institute or more fully integrated now as the Fralin Life Sciences Institute. Financial model not resolved.
 - 4. Task force created to evaluate a single entity for national security studies; current VT organizations include VT-Applied Research Corporation (VT-ARC) and Hume Center..
 - 5. Focus on commercialization. Brandy Salmon will be involved in improving VTIP.
 - 6. Looking at new systems and what we can do to simplify processes.

VI. [4:45] Old Business
 A. None

VII. [4:45] New Business
 A. L. Miner announced the Research and Innovation Discussion Series hosted by OVPRI. Speakers for Fall 2019 include: Don Taylor, Trudy Riley, Brandy Salmon and John Talerico.

VIII. [4:45] Adjournment

***Please take note of the 2019-2020 meetings listed below** which will all take place in Burruss Hall 130, from 3:30-5:00 pm, on the **2nd Thursday of each month** (with a few exceptions to accommodate academic year events or breaks)

2019

- Sept. 12

- Oct. 10
- Nov. 7
- Dec. 5

2020

- Jan. – no meeting
- Feb. 6
- March 5
- April 9
- May 7