

Council on Research Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2019

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Arts and Sciences (AS) Room 122

Robert Rosenswig, Chair

Members present: Rosenswig, Robert (Chair); Aykanian, Amanda; Coddington, Kate; Drislane, Lisset; Ernst, Jesse; Freedman, Jeff; Jahanbani, Nakissa; Jiang, Shiguo; Kumar, Satyendra (Ex Officio VPR Designee); McAndrew, Lisa; Minder, Justin; Morano, Carmen; Poehlmann, Nancy; Trolan, Teniell

Members absent:

Piotrowska, Monika; Slade, Leonard

Additional attendees: Ackerman, Gary; Clifford, Doug; Philip, Thecla

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council on Research (CoR) Chair Robert Rosenswig at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The March 4, 2019 CoR meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old Business

1. Excellence in Research and Creative Activities (ERCA) Award Recommendations Presented by Subcommittee Chair Amanda Aykanian as follows:

The Council on Research ERCA Subcommittee reviewed five nomination packets, completing an award rating form for each nominee and then meeting via conference call on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, to discuss the nominations and develop the award recommendations. The following subcommittee members were present for the deliberation meeting: Amanda Aykanian (Chair), Kate Coddington, Nakissa Jahanbani, Alan Lizotte, and Robert Rosenswig. Elisa Lopez (Office of the VPR) was also in attendance. A summary of the subcommittee's recommendation for each nominee and a brief summary of comments about each was shared with CoR members. Of the five nominations, the subcommittee recommends awarding three nominees. All decisions were unanimous. Following the recommendations, the subcommittee has specified a set of recommendations for improving the nomination and review process.

CoR discussion ensued regarding current practice and history of adherence to and interpretation of eligibility criteria.

Action Item:

Vote: A motion was made and unanimously approved that CoR accept the subcommittee's recommendations for the Excellence in Research Committee Awards. The recommendation was to include a note regarding eligibility concerns for one of these three nominees.

Action Item:

CoR Chair Rosenswig charged the subcommittee with revising the review process and presenting their recommendations at the April meeting.

2. CART Proposal Presentation – Dr. Gary Ackerman of the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity

Action Item:

Vote: A motion was made and unanimously approved that CoR accept the subcommittee's recommendation in support of the above proposal, contingent upon oversight and financial viability as outlined in the organized research units review policies and procedures.

It was noted that the proposal would be considered by the VPR and the President before a final decision was made.

Action Item:

CoR Chair Rosenswig asked CISL Chair Freedman to notify Dr. Ackerman regarding CoR's recommendation.

New Business

1. 2019-2020 CoR Chair Nominations

Chair Rosenswig announced that member Nancy Poehlmann had agreed to serve as CoR Chair in 2019-2020. He asked that other members also consider serving and explained a vote was to be taken before the end of the semester.

2. Reminder Benevolent recommendation report due at April meeting

Meeting Wrap Up

The CoR Chair opened the floor for discussion of any other business items before the meeting adjourned.

Chair Rosenswig announced that should a May meeting be needed, the date would need to be rescheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Lopez, Staff Support.