

Council on Research Meeting Report

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:00-4:30 PM

CoR last met on February 14, 2023. The major item of business was to learn about the slate of proposed changes within the Division for Research and Economic Development. As a result of the 2022 NCURA review and subsequent DFRED retreat, the DFRED created four task forces and a steering committee to oversee broad changes to the division. CoR was given a summary of these task forces and their mandates (which I believe will also be presented to the Full Senate shortly).

The four task forces are: (1) Faculty Outreach and Engagement; (2) Technology; (3) Processes; and (4) Outreach, particularly with RF employees. Each task force has faculty and DFRED representation. DFRED is particularly interested in making connections with CoR regarding task force (1) and its goal of incentivizing faculty research. CoR members asked a number of questions about the task forces, mostly in regards to task force (1), specifically about incentives for faculty research, communication with faculty, humanities research, mentoring, and research contract delays.

CoR will meet again on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.