

Council on Research Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 22, 2018
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
University Hall (UNH), Room 306

Members present: Dias, James (Ex Officio VPR); Kumar, Satyendra (Ex Officio VPR Designee); Rosenswig, Robert (Chair); Aykanian, Amanda; Drislane, Lisset; Ernst, Jesse; Freedman, Jeff; Jiang, Shiguo; McAndrew, Lisa; Minder, Justin; Morano, Carmen; Piotrowska, Monika; Poehlmann, Nancy; Trolian, Teniell; Wang, Jun

Members absent: Jahanbani, Nakissa; Moeyaert, Mariola; Slade, Leonard

Additional attendees: Bonilla, Adrienne; Delio, Vince; Kaloyeros, Paula; Philip, Thecla

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council on Research (CoR) Chair, Robert Rosenswig at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The September 24, 2018 CoR meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Review of Subcommittee Membership Assignments, Charges and Timeline

1. Chair Rosenswig announced that he had not assigned CoR members Mariola Moeyaert and Len Slade to subcommittees since they had not attended the first two meetings. He added that the Senate had not notified him regarding SA representation on CoR, and that SA representative attendance in prior years had been poor.

Action Item: CoR Chair Rosenswig would reach out to Senate Chair Mower to confirm whether or not Mariola Moeyaert and Len Slade were in fact serving on CoR and if an SA representative had been assigned.

2. Chair Rosenswig underlined that the FRAP-A Review Committee was still in need of five members.

Action Item: FRAP-A Review Committee Chair Justin Minder would work to fill out membership with past FRAP-A recipients.

New Business

- Presentation by the Vice President for Research James Dias

Dr. Dias began with a brief overview of the [2018 Research Report](#), underlining this year's emphasis on two core priorities of the strategic plan: Research Excellence and Student Success.

He then asked members of his team present to introduce themselves and describe their roles:

- o Adrienne Bonilla, Assistant Vice President for Research, Research Compliance Officer & Director, Regulatory and Research Compliance*
- o Vince Delio, Director of University at Albany 2020 Constellations*
- o Paula Kaloyeros, Assistant Vice President for Research, Director of Sponsored Programs Administration*

Vice President Dias also acknowledged his primary CoR ex officio designee Satyendra Kumar, PhD., *Associate Vice President for Research Grants Development & Director, Ion Beam Laboratory*

The VPR then reviewed his presentation on “The State of Research” and asked that the electronic version be shared with CoR members. The presentation included the following discussion topics:

1. Research: By The Numbers (*A Review of 2017-18*)
2. Impact of Research (*Year over Year*)
3. Top Performing Units
4. Closing the ICR Gap
5. Securing R1 Status
6. Strategic Initiatives & Programs

Dr. Dias opened the floor to questions or concerns following the presentation.

Members expressed IRB approval concerns as follows:

- o Graduate and undergraduate student unhappiness with length of review time*
- o Perceived inconsistency in approval review criteria*
- o Lack of clarity regarding use of templates*

Action item:

Vice President Dias requested that members forward these and any additional IRB concerns to Adrienne Bonilla for her to review and present on at the next CoR meeting.

- Track Use of Indirect Monies

Chair Rosenswig explained that tracking the use of indirect monies had been a CoR topic of discussion last year, and that efforts to understand the process would continue this year.

Meeting Wrap Up

CoR Chair opened the floor for any other CoR member business items to be addressed before the meeting adjourned.

- Committee on Centers, Institutes and Specialized Research Laboratories Chair Jeff Freedman raised a concern regarding a potential conflict of interest in reviewing a revised proposal. Members agreed that this was a non-issue since the subcommittee as a group and then the full CoR would each vote on the

proposal. In response to Chair Freedman's inquiry, former Chair Poehlmann suggested that the general timeline for responses to proposals was within two meetings for expediency.

- Next CoR Meeting Agenda - VPR Dias had asked Rose Greene of the Center for Human Services Research (CHSR) to join him at the start of the CoR November 19th meeting to discuss that CHSR is transitioning to the VPR.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Lopez, CoR Staff Support