COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH APPROVED MINUTES

October 11, 2012

Members Present: Ekin Alakent, Chris Baysdorfer (Chair), Vahid Fozdar, Scott Fung, Zach Hallab, Maria Ortuoste (Secretary), Sarah Taylor, Jiannan Wang

Others Present: Sophie Rollins, Kyzyl Fenno-Smith, Jose Lopez

Members Absent: Linda Dobb, Roger Doering

Venue: LI 2250

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm

1. Introductions

2. Approval of the Agenda

   Chris Baysdorfer, upon the request of Sarah Taylor, provided a short background on the work of the committee specifically the Research and Scholarly Activity (RSCA) program

   Motion by Ekin Alakent; seconded by Sarah Taylor; unanimous approval.

3. Report of the Chair

   No items to report.

4. Report of the Presidential appointee

   None: Linda Dobb absent

5. Old Business

   a. One of the recipients of the RSCA grant, Carl Stempel, requested a modification of his grant.

      Decided: Baysdorfer will ask Stempel to submit additional details, and will discuss that submission in the committee’s next meeting. Motion by Fozdar; seconded by Alakent; unanimous approval.

   b. Clarification on RSCA purpose and funding

      The chair provided additional information about RSCA.
6. New Business:

   a. Approval of CR’s Policies and Procedures

      Motion to approve the Policies and Procedures made by Fozdar; seconded by Wang; unanimous approval

   b. Discussion of Center for Research, Equity and Collaborative Engagement proposal

      Kyzyl Fenno-Smith and Jose Lopez summarized the proposal for the creation of this Center and answered questions from the CR members. The chair said that he will find out where the proposal should go next, and recommended that the CR look at the proposal again.

   c. Replacement for Sue Rodearmel on the IRB for 2012-2013; Resubmital of 12-13 CR1 to ExCom

      The chair informed the committee that Anne Wing can develop a list of individuals who could replace Rodearmel on the IRB. The committee can approve the replacement in a later meeting.

   d. Senate Chair Chris Watnik’s referral: review of bylaws

      i. Student Representation. Current bylaws do not provide for student representation in the Committee on Research.

         Decision: CR will request for an exemption from having student representatives on the committee. Five voted for exemption; one against; one abstention.

      ii. Procedures for approving the creation of research centers and/or institutes. The current process and flow of approval are unclear. There is a need to decide or make suggestions on the roles of the Senate, the ExComm and the Provost.

         Decision: The chair suggested, and the body agreed, that the matter should be brought up in the next meeting of CR. (No votes)

7. Other business: none
8. From the floor: none
9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.