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## COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

23-24 CR 11  
Monday, April 15th, 2024

**TO:** The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate (ExCom)

**FROM:** The Committee on Research (CR)

**SUBJECT:** 23-24 CR 11: Proposal for the Re-charter of the Green Biome Institute

**PURPOSE:** Action Item for the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate

**REQUEST:** The Executive Committee approve the charter renewal for the [Green Biome Institute](#), and share with the Academic Senate as an information item

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

One of the express duties of the Committee on Research (CR) is “to make recommendations... regarding proposals for new centers and institutes in a manner corresponding to policies approved by the Academic Senate and the President” (Bylaws Art. XVII §4.A.3). [11-12 CR 2 revised](#) further specifies that all charter or re-charter proposals will be reviewed by the CR, and “either referred back to the proposing team of faculty/administrators for revision or referred to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for consideration” (11-12 CR 2 revised §D.3.).

The current charter of the Green Biome Institute is set to expire on June 30, 2024. On March 6th, 2024, Associate Vice President Chandra Khan, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, forwarded to the Chair of the CR a draft [charter](#) for renewal of the Center for Student Research. GBI Director, Chris Baysdorfer joined the CR meeting on March 7th, 2024 to discuss the recharter proposal and the role of the GBI on campus and in the community. The proposal was subsequently reviewed by, and discussed at the CR meeting on March 21st, 2024. The CR members agreed that the draft charter did not meet all the requirements of 11-12 CR 2 revised and was referred back to Chris Baysdorfer, the Director of the GBI, for revisions as follows as summarized in the [GBI Comment and Response email](#).

In response, GBI Director, Chris Baysdorfer, submitted a [revised version of the charter renewal](#) along with [responses to each of the questions from CR](#) on April 3rd, 2024, which were discussed and unanimously approved at the CR meeting on April 11th, 2024 pending a clarification that there are no student positions on the GBI Advisory Board. A [final version](#) with the requested edits was uploaded to InfoReady on April 4th.