COMMISSION ON RESEARCH
February 13, 2008
325 Burruss Hall
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.


Members Absent: R. Benson, D. Cook, C. Dawkins, N. Raishevich, B. Vogelaar, R. Walters

Invited Guests: S. Muse

Others: D. Nester

1. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved with one amendment. There would be no review of the (revised) ICTAS charter at this meeting as the charter had not yet been submitted to the Commission.

2. Approval of the minutes for CoR meetings November 14, 2007 (amended) and December 5, 2007: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Rodd Hall introduced Sandra Muse and indicated that since Dr. Tim Pickering had retired, Sandra would be attending in his place.

3. Review of the Charter for the Institute for Society, Culture and Environment (ISCE): R. Grange opened the floor for discussion of the ISCE charter. Karen Roberto, Director of ISCE, was present to answer questions and receive comments. The committee discussed the charter and offered a few suggestions. K. Roberto will provide some clarification and make changes to the charter per the recommendations of the committee. R. Grange asked K. Roberto if she would please leave the meeting to give the committee time to vote on the approval of the charter. R. Grange commented that the charter was fluid and well written with few issues. The members agreed. L. Coble and S. K. DeDatta had some suggestions on the flow of the organizational chart. They will forward their suggestions to R. Grange.

A motion was made to accept the charter with amendments and seconded. The charter with amendments was approved.

Amendment of Policy 3020: The Commission discussed Section 4.0 of Policy 3020, and agreed this section of the policy should be amended to resolve a conflict that existed regarding University Centers and newly established University Institutes. Specifically, the concern was, “…the Chair of the Stakeholders Committee shall not be the Administrator to whom the Center Director reports.” (Section 4.0 Definitions Re: A University Center..., Policy 3020). As indicated in the ICTAS and ISCE Charters, both Director Roop Mahajan of ICTAS and Director Karen Roberto of
ISCE report to their respective deans (Dean Benson, ICTAS; Dean Ott Rowlands, ISCE). Both deans are also chairs of the respective institute stakeholder committees, and hence, the conflict with Policy 3020. A suggestion was made to amend this section of Policy 3020 with the clause, “unless an exception is otherwise approved by the Provost.”

R. Grange will draft a letter and send to the Commission for comments and suggestions. He will explore who in administration he needs to send it to.

4. **Invitation to Ms. Linda Bucy to attend next CoR meeting (Rob Grange):** R. Grange announced that he will send an invitation to Ms. Linda Bucy to attend the next CoR meeting to discuss OSP.

   W. Huckle said that he would like to have someone to come and talk to the committee about the Carilion Medical Institute. R. Hall informed them that he could talk with them on this at the April meeting.

5. **Other Business:** No other business.

6. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.