

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH  
MINUTES  
June 6, 2017**

**Present:** Steve Whittaker (*chair*), Longzhi Lin, Dejan Miltinovic, Daniel Oliver (GSR), OSP Director Kata Aja, OSP Assistant Director Deirdre Beach

**Absent:** Grace Peña Delgado, Fernando Leiva, Todd Lowe, Ahmet Ali Yanik

**Office of Sponsored Project**

The committee was informed that that Office of Sponsored Project would present on a new system they're considering but it turns out a system has already purchased. Office for Sponsored Projects were seeking feedback and comments related to the new online ticketing system for grant proposals, Zendesk. It will provide different forms for grant applications, assist with tracking grant request and provide the capability to monitor the grant process. Members were confused about having to database system, but it was clarified that the Cayuse database is for recordkeeping, and Zendesk is to help keep track of the grant proposal process. As Director Aja and Assistant Director Deirdre walked members through the user interface, members made various suggestion about the changing the wording, flow and design and suggested providing a faculty a guide to assist with the new process. Committee members raised concerns about the security and stability of the system, OSP shared that it seems stable, other UC campus are using system and the data is stored on Zendesk's servers.

**Graduate Council's Graduate Growth Report**

The committee continued to discuss Graduate Council's Graduate Growth report and concluded they would like to write to the incoming CP/EVC to note that if graduate growth is a campus value then graduate student mentoring should be formally acknowledge in faculty's the personnel review.

**Committee Business: Yearly Report & Proactive Plans**

The committee discussed the following issues to focus on in 2017-18:

- Partner with the Vice Chancellor for Research & Research Development Director on collaborative workshops, forums, and presentations. An idea included providing a venue or space for experienced research collaborators to present and institutionalize OSP support on failed research grants.
- Follow up on status of the Center for Excellence's Proposal
- Follow up on COR budget cut, to revert overhead, transparency on investment of research, provide information on campus priorities, request for a better accounting of research overhead.
- Follow up on the Institute of Marine Science - Organize Research Unit review
- Committee on Research Grant Program – Provide faculty more infrastructure through COR and the Office of Research to provide workshop to foster collaboration, lectures, etc
- Office for Sponsored Projects
- COR's Faculty survey