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Minutes
COMMISSION ON RESEARCH
3:30 – 5:00 pm | April 11, 2024
Zoom

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Present: Carla Finkielstein (presiding), Ella Atkins, Sheryl Ball, Leanna Blevins, Dave Carter (for Quinn Thomas), Scott Case, Cynthia Devers, Ronald Gibbons, Sarah Greger, William Headley, Randy Heflin, Doug Bowman (for Ben Knapp), Elizabeth McLain, Barry Miller, Rolf Mueller, Luke Neurauter, Yuchin Pan, Daniel Pauly, Ginny Pannabecker (for Jonathan Petters), Kevin Pitts, Alexandra Poetter, David Raymond, Ryan Stewart, Dan Sui, Elizabeth White, Lijuan Yuan

Absent with Notice: Thomas Archibald, Corinne Noirot

Absent: Didar Islam, Amanda Wolfe

Research and Innovation support: Kim Borkowski, Laurel Miner

Carla Finkielstein called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

2. Approval of and posting of minutes of March 14, 2023

Carla Finkielstein noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be accessed on the Commission on Research Sharepoint.

3. Presentation

Dave Raymond, Interim Associate Vice President for Research Computing and Director of the Virginia Cyber Range**,** provided an update on Advanced Research Computing (ARC). He discussed the ongoing efforts to migrate data from the university's aging VT Archive storage system, which is reaching end of life. He also indicated that during his tenure he plans to promote awareness of computing resources by visiting departments and research institutes. David also noted that he has been asked to co-chair an AI Working Group to develop guidelines for the responsible use of AI at Virginia Tech, and to examine policy gaps and recommend near-term investments.

4. Other Items

Randy Heflin provided a brief update on the status of the PI Eligibility project. Dr. Heflin confirmed that all recommendations from the working group had been implemented. He clarified that, until we have a new Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, the Director of Pre Award will handle PI request forms in the interim.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:47pm.