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**Meeting of the Ad Hoc
Committee on Research**

June 8, 2017

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

**Thursday, June 8, 2017
3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda**

Committee Members:

Jeffrey C. Walker, Chair
Barbara J. Fried
Frank E. Genovese
Babur B. Lateef, M.D

Tammy S. Murphy
James V. Reyes
William H. Goodwin Jr., Ex-officio
Nina J. Solenski, M.D., Faculty Member

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AGENDA ITEM: I. Opening Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: The Committee Chair, Mr. Jeff Walker, will welcome guests and review the topic areas and the associated questions.

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AGENDA ITEM: II. Report on Sponsored Research

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Phillip Parrish is Interim Vice President for Research, Associate Vice President for Research, and a Principal Scientist in the Department of Materials Science & Engineering. He has a strong background in research management in academia, government and industry. As Associate Vice President for Research, he is responsible for the cross-Grounds ResearchNET initiative, monitoring of the new UVA Brain Pan University Institute, and VPR's pan university initiatives in Energy Systems, Prototyping, Research, Innovation and Translation (ESPRIT), including the UVA-Max Planck joint laboratory initiative in New Energy Processes and the VPR Latin America initiative, focused upon science, technology, policy and innovation partnerships with Latin American universities and companies, and recruitment to UVA of top Brazilian graduate students and postdocs who are fully supported by the Brazil Science Without Borders program. Each of these efforts brings together faculty and students from across the University for interdisciplinary research, education, innovation, and service.

Prior to joining the University, he was the Vice President for Advanced Manufacturing Science at BDM, Inc., and President of MATSYS, Inc., a small business start-up in manufacturing controls sensing and software.

DISCUSSION: At this meeting, Phil Parrish will report on sponsored research awards through the 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2017.

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AGENDA ITEM: III. Priorities of the Committee

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DISCUSSION: Interim Vice President for Research Phil Parrish will give an overview of the priorities of the Ad Hoc Committee on Research.

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ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: David Leblang is Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia and is a Faculty Associate at the Miller Center where he is the J. Wilson Newman Professor of Governance. He is also a Professor of Public Policy at the University's Batten School for Leadership and Public Policy where he is Director of the Global Policy Center. Since 2010, he has served as Department Chair of the Department of Politics.

Prior to arriving at the University of Virginia in 2008, he held teaching positions at the University of Colorado, the University of North Texas, and the College of William and Mary. He has been a visiting scholar in the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund, the European Commission's Directorate of Economics and Finance, and has been a visiting fellow at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris, the Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano in Milan, and the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya.

In 2015, Professor Leblang was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Mentoring Award by the University of Virginia and in 2016 he received the Outstanding Mentoring Award from the Society of Women in International Political Economy of the International Studies Association.

DISCUSSION: At this meeting, Professor Leblang will discuss UVA research from the perspective of an active researcher in the social sciences in the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences.