

**Committee on Research (COR)**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**  
**11:00-12:00 PM KL 362**  
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- I. **Chair's Report – David Noelle**
  - a. Division Council – January 19, 2017
  
- II. **Consent Calendar**
  - a. Approval of the January 11, 2017 Minutes pg. 3
  - b. Approval of the January 27, 2017 Agenda
  
- III. **Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) ORU Review Committee**
  - a. **Background:** Paul Brown will represent SSHA, Marcelo Kallmann will represent SOE, and Keith Alley will represent SNS on the review committee. VC-ORED Traina will confirm an external reviewer.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to discuss updates and next steps.
  
- IV. **[Survey of Faculty Concerning Staff Support for Extramural Funding Efforts](#)**
  - a. **Background:** A draft summary has been provided by COR member Saha for committee review.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to review and discuss survey summary.
  
- V. **[Center for the Humanities ORU Proposal](#)**
  - a. **Background:** Following established [policy](#), SSHA Dean Robbins and VC-ORED Traina have been asked to submit letters of consideration, due to the COR Analyst by Jan 4, 2017.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to discuss procedures and division of labor for reviewing this proposal.
  
- VI. **Purchasing and Research – Ramen Saha**
  - a. Discussion of issues related to the purchasing process at UC Merced.
  
- VII. **Administering the Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants Program** pg. 6
  - a. **Background:** Every year, COR administers a faculty research grant program, with awards made in the Spring for use during the subsequent year. COR needs to determine how funds are to be allocated, generate a call for proposals, and prepare for the review of submissions.
  - b. **Action:** COR members will discuss how this year's grant program will be structured and how they will be evaluated.
  
- VIII. **Identify AY 2016-2017 High Priority Issues for COR**
  - a. **Background:** During the first meeting of the academic year, some topics were identified as high priority issues to be pursued by COR during AY 2016-2017. It is not clear, however, that sufficient time was available to forge agreement on this list of topics.
  - b. **Action:** COR members further discuss and work toward a consensus on high priority issues.

**IX. Systemwide Review Items****a. Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 630.D**

- i. Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comment on proposed revisions to Senate Regulation 630.D. UGC and CRE are lead committees for this review.
- ii. Action:** COR sends comments to Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 24, 2017.

**X. Upcoming Business**

- a. Future Funding of Senate Faculty Grants Program
- b. Faculty Start-Up Funds & Other Campus Sources of Research Support
- c. ORU Proposal - Center for Human Adaptive Systems and Environments (CHASE)
- d. ORU Proposal Initiation Issues
- e. Blum Center reorganization
- f. Monitoring Progress of the 2020 Project

**XI. Other Business**