

**Committee on Research (COR)**  
**Wednesday, February 08, 2017**  
**11:00-12:00 PM KL 360**  
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- I. **Chair’s Report – David Noelle**
  - a. Division Council – February 2, 2017
  
- II. **Consent Calendar**
  - a. Approval of the January 25, 2017 Minutes pg. 3
  - b. Approval of the February 8, 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:** COR member Saha was asked to review the survey data and include additional information related to post-award management. The COR Analyst was asked to redact the names of individuals included in survey responses.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to review and discuss the survey data and summary report in preparation for transmittal.
  
- V. **Center for the Humanities ORU Proposal**
  - a. **Background:** Submission letters have been successfully solicited from SSHA Dean Robbins and VC-ORED Traina. The authors of the ORU proposal have been asked to revise their document in order to meet systemwide requirements for such proposals.
  - b. **Action:** In preparation of the arrival of a revised proposal, COR members are to discuss procedures and the division of labor for reviewing this proposal.
  
- VI. **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 academic 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 proposals will be evaluated.
  
- VII. **Purchasing and Research – Ramen Saha**
  - a. Discussion of issues related to the purchasing process at UC Merced.

**VIII. 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.

**b. Draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Policy**

- i. Background:** The Policy is to establish minimum standards for the safe use and operation of UAS and Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS), including drones and model aircraft, on any University Location or at any Authorized University Activity. COR and GC are lead committees for this review.
- ii. Action:** COR sends comments to Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 20, 2017.

**IX. Upcoming Business**

- a. Identify AY 2016-2017 High Priority Issues for COR
- b. Future Funding of Senate Faculty Grants Program
- 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

**X. Other Business**