

Committee on Research (COR)
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
11:00-12:00 PM KL 362
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- I. **Chair’s Report – David Noelle**
 - a. Division Council – March 2, 2017
 - b. UCORP Meeting – February 13, 2017

- II. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of the February 22, 2017 Minutes pg. 3
 - b. Approval of the March 8, 2017 Agenda

- III. **Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) ORU Review Committee**
 - a. **Background:** COR members have been asked if they wish to meet with the review committee before the SNRI site visit and provide input on what the review committee explores, beyond the standard list of questions that the review committee will be given.
 - b. **Action:** COR members to discuss questions they may have for the reviewers, and if they wish to meet with the review committee.

- IV. **[Senate Awards - Distinguished Early Career Research and Distinction in Research](#)**
 - a. **Background:** COR is responsible for awarding the “[Distinguished Early Career Research](#)” and the “[Distinction in Research](#)” awards. Review committees for each award need to be constituted.
 - b. **Action:** COR members will determine membership of the two Award subcommittees.

- V. **[Administering the Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants Program](#) - Stephen Wooding**
 - 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 finalize the call for proposals and prepare for the review of submissions.
 - b. **Action:** COR members will discuss approval for the revised call for applications.

- VI. **[UCOP Initiative - NASA AMES](#) - VC-ORED Traina**
 - a. Discussion of initiative from the UC Office of the President that may affect all campuses.

- VII. **Purchasing and Research – Ramen Saha**
 - a. Discussion of issues related to the purchasing process at UC Merced.

- VIII. **Systemwide Review Items**
 - a. **[Guide to Senate Committee Membership & Executive Session](#)**
 - i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comment on a draft *Guide to Senate Committee Membership and the Purpose and Practice of Executive Session*, to establish a common reference regarding fundamental aspects of Senate committee membership and function.
 - ii. **Action:** COR is to send comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 24, 2017.

- b. [Draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System \(UAS\) Policy](#)
 - i. **Background:** This policy establishes minimum standards for the safe use and operation of UAS and Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS), including drones and model aircraft, at any University location or at any authorized University activity. COR and GC are lead committees for this review.
 - ii. **Action:** COR is to send comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2017.
- IX. Upcoming Business**
- a. [Proposals for Five New Academic Units in the School of Engineering](#)
 - b. Center for the Humanities ORU Proposal
 - c. Identify AY 2016-2017 High Priority Issues for COR
 - d. Future Funding of Senate Faculty Grants Program
 - e. ORU Proposal - Center for Human Adaptive Systems and Environments (CHASE)
 - f. ORU Proposal Initiation Issues
 - g. Blum Center reorganization
 - h. Monitoring Progress of the 2020 Project
- X. Other Business**