

**Committee on Research (COR)**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2017**  
**11:00-12:00 PM KL 362**  
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- I. **Chair’s Report – David Noelle**
  - a. Division Council – December 15, 2016
  
- II. **Consent Calendar**
  - a. Approval of the December 14, 2016 Minutes pg. 4
  - b. Approval of the January 11, 2017 Agenda
  
- III. **Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) ORU Review Committee**
  - a. **Background:** Committee on Committees has endorsed Paul Brown to represent SSHA, and Marcelo Kallmann has been endorsed to represent SOE on the review committee.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to provide updates on nominees.
  
- IV. **[Survey of Faculty Concerning Staff Support for Extramural Funding Efforts](#)**
  - a. **Background:** A revised report of the survey results was distributed to COR on Dec 6.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to review and discuss survey responses.
  
- V. **[Recommendations Regarding Faculty Start-Up and Incidental Expense Funds](#)**
  - a. **Background:** The UCM Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom (FWAF) committee has prepared recommendations concerning campus policies on faculty start-up funds and incidental expense accounts. Division Council has asked COR to coordinate with FWAF concerning the revision of these recommendations.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to discuss FWAF recommendations, critiques from Division Council, and potential modifications to the proposed recommendations.
  
- VI. **[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.
  
- VII. **Purchasing and Research – Ramen Saha**
  - a. Discussion of issues related to the purchasing process at UC Merced.
  
- 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. Campus Review Items****a. Incentive Plan for Revenue Generating Master's Degree Programs**

- i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comment on a proposed Incentive Plan for Revenue Generating Master's Degree Programs. Graduate Council and CAPRA are the lead committees for this review.
- ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 13, 2017.

**b. UC Merced Policy for Access to Student Data**

- i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comment on a new draft campus Policy on Access to Student Data. This new campus policy applies to all UC Merced employees and others using and disposing of university resources. The policy describes the conditions, and establishes procedures, under which student data may be distributed by Institutional Research and Decision Support (IRDS) and the Office of the Registrar.
- ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 27, 2017.

**c. Revised Report from the Task Force on University Honors**

- i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comment on a revised report from the Task Force on University Honors. UGC, GC, and CAPRA are lead committees on this review.
- ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

**X. Systemwide Review Items****a. Proposed Revised G-28 Travel Regulations**

- i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comment on proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy Business and Finance Bulletin (BFB) – G-28, Travel Regulations. The revisions to this policy are intended to make systemwide policy more “family friendly”, by allowing reimbursement, in limited circumstances, for travel (including childcare) expenses for spouses, domestic partners, dependent-care providers, and dependents of employees traveling on University business and candidates for employment at the University of California traveling to UC locations for recruitment purposes.
- ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Friday, January 27, 2017.

**b. 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.

**XI. Upcoming Business**

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

**XII. Other Business**