

**Committee on Research (COR)**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2016**  
**11:00-12:00 PM KL 362**  
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- I. **Chair's Report – David Noelle**
  - a. Division Council Meeting – October 6, 2016 (Member Saha representing COR)
  - b. UCORP Meeting – October 10, 2016
  
- II. **Consent Calendar**
  - a. Approval of the September 21, 2016 Minutes pg. 3
  - b. Approval of the October 4, 2016 Minutes pg. 6
  - c. Approval of the October 19, 2016 Agenda
  
- III. **Export Control Regulations – VC-ORED Traina**
  - a. **Background:** Department of Homeland Security is requesting to interview faculty and graduate students about their research efforts. VC-ORED Traina would like to talk about the impact this will have at UC Merced.
  
- IV. **ORU Proposal Initiation Issues**
  - a. **Background:** COR has been asked to explore options available to faculty who have prepared an ORU proposal but have been unsuccessful at convincing relevant Deans to submit the proposal for review.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to discuss the ORU proposal process, preparing advice for relevant faculty if potential solutions are identified.
  
- 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. **Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) ORU Review Committee**
  - a. **Background:** An ORU review committee must be assembled. COR members were asked to look within their schools for nominees, VC-ORED has identified an external reviewer, and Chair Noelle has contacted COC for their assistance in populating this review committee.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to provide updates on nominees.

- VII. Survey of Faculty Concerning Staff Support for Extramural Funding Efforts**
- a. **Background:** There have been relatively recent changes in staff support for the generation of extramural funding proposals. Support from Research Development Services (RDS) has been reduced and focused, and school staff have been given more substantial roles. The COR membership has expressed interest in surveying the faculty concerning their experiences with these changes, and VC-ORED Traina has suggested that any such survey needs to be conducted soon if it is to have an effect on workforce planning efforts.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to provide feedback on proposed draft survey instrument.
- VIII. Purchasing and Research – Ramen Saha**
- a. Discussion of issues related to the purchasing process at UC Merced.
- IX. 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, so these may be communicated to the Division leadership.
- X. Systemwide Review Items**
- a. **Presidential Policy on International Activities** **pg. 7**
    - i. **Background:** Systemwide Academic Senate Chair Chalfant has requested comments on a proposed draft for a “Presidential Policy on International Activities”. COR is a lead committee on this review item.
    - ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to [senatechair@ucmerced.edu](mailto:senatechair@ucmerced.edu) by 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 27.
  - b. **Proposed Revisions to APM 015, APM 016, and Senate Bylaw 336** **pg. 32**
    - i. **Background:** Systemwide Academic Senate Chair Chalfant has requested comments on proposed revisions to APM 015 (The Faculty Code of Conduct), and APM 016 (University Policy on Faculty Conduct and The Administration of Discipline).
    - ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to [senatechair@ucmerced.edu](mailto:senatechair@ucmerced.edu) by 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 27.
- XI. 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. CCGA Proposals – MIST
  - e. Blum Center reorganization
  - f. Administering the Senate Faculty Grants Program
  - g. Monitoring Progress of the 2020 Project
- XII. Other Business**