Committee on Research (COR)
Minutes of Meeting
February 9, 2016
KL 360

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 9:00 am on February 9, 2016 in Room 360 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Ajay Gopinathan presiding.

I.   Chair's Report
        Chair Gopinathan updated COR members on the following:

        --February 1 Division Council meeting.   Major items of discussion included the retirement benefits options task force report, the Public Health bylaw unit proposal and GASP major proposal (both endorsed by Division Council), GC's concentrations and designated emphases policy on which the Council is still deliberating, the SNS dean's five-year review, and the 2020 Project RFP criteria and scoring committees for which faculty members from each of the schools is sought.

        --February 8 UCORP meeting. The director of UC Mexus attended to answer questions, as this program is undergoing review.

II.   Vice Chair's Report
        Vice Chair Nicholson reported on the January 27 PROC meeting where the items relevant to COR were the ES program review (UCM's first graduate program to undergo review) and the review of the Anthropology program.

III.   LASC meeting February 8
        COR member Scheibner, the committee's representative on the Senate Library and Scholarly Communications (LASC) committee, reported on the February 8 meeting. The key items under discussion were 1) the library collections budget that has not grown commensurate with student and faculty numbers; 2) library workforce planning; 3) Library workforce planning, and 4) an update on the memo sent by LASC to the Provost/EVC and Senate Chair in November regarding the library's budget. Vice Provost for the Faculty Camfield stated at the meeting that the memo would be discussed at the

Council of Deans and that the Provost/EVC is addressing the budget concerns listed in the memo.

COR members briefly discussed the role of the Library in supporting the research mission of the campus and agreed that it is in COR's interests to lend support to LASC as it seeks additional resources.

ACTION: COR will formally endorse LASC's memo in a correspondence to the Provost/EVC and the Senate Chair, stating that an increase in the Library's budget is critical for the campus's research mission.

IV.   Consent Calendar

ACTION: The December 15, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

V.   Limited Submission Policy

Prior to this meeting, COR members revised the limited submission policy document. The major revision is the addition of school-level review, whereby, school executive committees are asked to assist in the review of proposals before the dean selects one to move forward.

ACTION: COR voted to approve the policy. The policy will be shared with Research and Development Services before it is distributed to the campus.

VI.   Senate Faculty Research Grants

COR members discussed a few editorial revisions to the Call for Proposals.

ACTION: After all revisions are incorporated, the Senate office will distribute the Call for Proposals to all Senate faculty on February 19.

VII.   Other Business

ACTION: COR to follow up with the Provost/EVC with regard to his policy on Centers. (Last year, the Senate provided comments on his policy and requested that he revise it to align with the Senate's comprehensive policy on research units and with the VCORED's policy on ORUs.)

Add to future COR agendas: 1) consultation with GC and UGC on CatCourses and determine whether the Senate was consulted on the implementation of Target X and GDAS, and 2) invite Research and Development Services Director Susan Carter to the next meeting to discuss "Competition Space"

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Attest:

Ajay Gopinathan, COR Chair