

Committee on Research (COR)
Minutes of Meeting
April 22, 2015

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 3:00 pm on April 22, 2015 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair David C. Noelle presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Noelle updated COR members on the following topics of discussion at the April 13 UCORP meeting:

--The new UC Care health plan has made a profit.

--Standardization of the admissions criteria for community college, CSUs and the UCs.

--Modifications to the UC sexual harassment policy which was submitted to all campuses for review.

--3% faculty salary increase distribution.

--Regis "Reg" Kelly, the director of the three-campus California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences ("QB3"), and now the UCOP Senior Advisor on Innovation and Entrepreneurship met with UCORP. He advised that UC investments must be conservative as they utilize pension funds. Kelly envisions that the UC system will establish innovation centers in the same manners as medical centers.

--State Senate bill 15 passed out of the Senate Higher Education committee and was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The bill would provide UC and CSU systems \$75 million each in additional state dollars for more courses and advising, as well as funding to immediately expand enrollment in both systems. The initiative will not be entirely funded by the state's General Fund; some of the dollars will come out of the scholarship fund established last year to help middle-income UC and CSU students.

--The Legislative Analyst's Office has stated that the state's tax revenue will be earmarked for K-14 education.

--Revisions to the APM are underway to include provisions for Adjunct Professors working on "soft money" at the national laboratories.

- The UC is experiencing difficulties securing non-profit foundational funding. Non-profits are willing to give money to the UCs but there are issues surrounding intellectual property.
- The Natural Reserves system launched a fundraising initiative in celebration of its 50th anniversary.
- GradSLAM final competition will be held on May 4 at a venue near the UCOP building.
- Graduate Advocacy Day at the state capitol will be held on April 28.
- The UC Ventures team is planning to hire a firm to make investment decisions.
- Members of the Governor's staff have inquired about the efficiency of having multiple labs pursuing common research questions across the UC system.

II. Consent Calendar

ACTION: The April 8 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. Campus Review Items

- Proposed revisions to the MAPP pertaining to the LPSOE and LSOE titles.

ACTION: The Senate chair will be informed that COR has no comments.

IV. Systemwide Review Items

- Guidelines on Accepting and Managing Equity in Return for Access to University Facilities and/or Services. COR members discussed the proposed revisions to the guidelines. The committee's concerns focused on Part IV. C. 2. which states "The support of new businesses affiliated with the University is in the public interest and furthers the University's training and educational objectives." This section does not indicate who determines whether a given business affiliation further advances the UC's educational objectives nor is there mention of which individual or body would adjudicate any conflict of interest. Committee members also noted that the proposed policy does not

provide for Academic Senate oversight and so recommends that an annual report is submitted to the Senate each year.

ACTION: COR to send memo to the Senate chair with the aforementioned comments.

--Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 182 pertaining to the University Committee on International Education (UCIE). The revisions would expand the functions of the UCIE. Members believed that this bylaw revision would greatly strengthen the Senate's contribution to the establishment of collaborative agreements that are aligned with campus research priorities.

ACTION: COR to send memo to the Senate chair stating its endorsement of the proposed revisions.

--APM 210-D pertaining to contributions to diversity. The proposed revisions give greater weight to contributions to diversity in the academic review process. COR members noted that the revisions still need further refinement, but the committee endorses them.

ACTION: COR to send memo to the Senate chair stating its endorsement of the proposed revisions.

V. Senate Faculty Research Grants

COR members expect to receive the shortlisted proposals from the School executive committees by April 29. Between April 30 and May 5, committee members will review the shortlisted proposals.

Committee members agreed on the following:

Grading rubric will be a 3-point scale across the following categories:

Evidence of funding need: 3 (has none), 2 (has some that is unrelated), and 1 (has some that is related).

Past efforts to secure money: 3 (has tried and received positive feedback), 2 (has tried and been declined) and 1 (has not tried).

Likelihood of obtaining funding: 3 (specific programs identified, good chance of success), 2 (specific programs identified, uncertain chance of success), 1 (no funding programs identified)

There will be three tie breaking categories:

Quality of Composition: 1 (poorly formatted and incorrect numbers), 2 (acceptable), and 3 (well crafted).

Juniority

Time Since Last Award

COR members will select awardees at the May 6 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Attest: David C. Noelle, COR Chair

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