

Committee on Research (COR)
Minutes of Meeting
April 9, 2014

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 10:00 am on April 9, 2014, in Room 324 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Ruth Mostern presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Mostern met with SNS Dean Meza - the Merced representative on the systemwide Portfolio Review Group (PRG) - to discuss the PRG's cycle 1 and 2 reports, which outlined the group's recommendations on the future investment in the research entities currently funded by UCOP. Dean Meza related that PRG was in strong accord in its recommendations. Meza feels that the Senate should 1) strongly reinforce support for the MRPI initiative because it is a high-impact, poorly-funded program and 2) nominate a faculty representative for next year's PRG.

ACTION: At the April 23 meeting, COR will draft a memo to UCOP regarding the PRG's cycle 1 and 2 reports.

II. Consent Calendar

ACTION: Today's agenda and the March 12 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. Campus Review Items

--COR members discussed their concerns with the proposed Public Health major. COR's main concerns are that the planning for public health and health sciences is occurring on a piece meal basis, and, there is a lack of a single organizational structure to administer and plan the public health major and how the absence of this guiding entity will impact the campus research mission.

ACTION: Committee analyst will draft a memo on the Public Health and circulate among the committee for review and approval.

--COR members discussed the revised graduate proposals for EECS, ME, and Sociology.

ACTION: The original COR reviewers of the proposals will review the revised proposals and submit comments to the committee for consideration.

--COR members noted the submission of the MCB graduate proposal.

ACTION: A COR lead reviewer was chosen and will submit comments to the committee for consideration.

IV. Faculty Grants Proposals

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of the rankings of the faculty grant proposals.

ACTION: COR will hold a special meeting to finalize the rankings and select awardees on Wednesday, April 16. Award letters will be submitted to faculty members that week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Attest: Ruth Mostern, Chair

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