

Committee on Research (COR)**Wednesday, November 1, 2017****1:30 – 2:30 PM; [KL 362](#)****Documents available at UCM Box [COR AY 17-18](#)**

- I. **Chair's Report – *David Noelle***
 - a. [October 23 Division Council meeting](#)
 - b. October 23 meeting between COR and CAPRA Chairs regarding potential collaboration seeking solutions to the problem of inadequate bridge funding on campus
 - c. November 1 meeting between COR Chair and VCORED Sam Traina regarding Senate policy on the establishment and review of CRUs and the process to be followed for the external review of the Center for the Humanities
- II. **Budget Work Group Update – *Michael Scheibner***
 - a. October 18 Budget Work Group meeting
- III. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of the [October 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - b. Approval of the November 1, 2017 Agenda
- IV. **Campus Review Item**
 - a. [Value to UCM Assessment](#)
 - i. **Background:** The Provost/EVC has drafted proposed guidelines pertaining to the retention of UCM faculty. These guidelines are intended to develop best practices for evaluating individual retention cases in a fair and equitable manner, while also addressing the budgetary and FTE impact of such retention offers. CAP, D&E, and FWAFF are the lead reviewers.
 - ii. **Action:** COR to review the draft guide guidelines and provide comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 17.
- V. **Revisions to the [Evaluation Criteria](#) for the Annual Senate Faculty Grants Program**
 - a. **Background:** Traditionally, COR issues the Call for Proposals to all faculty in late February/early March, reviews the top proposals as sent by the School Executive Committees in April, and issues award/decline letters in early May. In an effort to make these awards earlier so that faculty can better plan their summer research activities – and to ameliorate the workload burden caused by numerous other Spring deadlines that faculty must address – COR is to consider moving up the timeline of this process so as to issue the call for proposals in December 2017, completing the award decision process by March.
 - b. **Action:** COR to review the current evaluation criteria and process.
- VI. **Consultation with Director of Procurement Joshua Dubroff (2:10 – 2:30)**
 - a. **Background:** During previous COR meetings, members have discussed the various challenges that they, and colleagues, have faced with regard to purchasing and procurement. Members have submitted a list of questions and concerns for Director Dubroff to address. In addition, COR will discuss with Director Dubroff the Chancellor's empaneling of a [supply chain redesign planning committee](#).
- VII. **Upcoming Business**
 - a. Completing Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) Review Process
 - b. November 15 meeting
 - i. Draft a Conflict of Interest statement like those of [other Senate committees](#)