

**Committee on Research (COR)**  
**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**  
**1:30 – 2:30 PM KL 362**  
**Documents available at UCM Box [COR AY 17-18](#)**

**I. Chair's Report – David Noelle**

- a. Welcome 2017-2018 Committee Members
  - i. [Committee manual with roster, bylaws, and meeting schedule](#)
  - ii. Dr. Deborah Motton, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Compliance & Integrity, will serve as VCORED Sam Traina's proxy at COR meetings in the Fall semester due to scheduling conflicts.
- b. Committee Goals for AY 17-18
  - i. Review Academic [Senate policy on the establishment and review of ORUs](#).
  - ii. Respond to SNRI external review report.
  - iii. Review multiple proposals for ORUs and centers.
  - iv. Investigate problems with purchasing.
  - v. Review new plans for staff support for extramural funding.
  - vi. Review the [criteria and procedures for the evaluation of proposals](#) for the annual Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants program.
  - vii. Administer the annual Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants program. The Provost/EVC has allocated \$175,000 for the program.

**II. Vice Chair's Report – Roummel Marcia**

- a. Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC) [meeting August 28](#).
- b. Academic Governance Cabinet meeting September 18.

**III. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of the September 20, 2017 Agenda

**IV. Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) Review**

- a. **Background:** SNRI underwent a five-year review in AY 16-17. The external review team submitted its [report](#) to SNRI in May 2017, and VCORED Traina subsequently forwarded the report to COR for review. SNRI is drafting its response and has requested input from COR.
- b. **Action:** COR to formulate its response to the external review team report.

**V. Limited Submission Policy**

- a. **Background:** In AY 15-16, at the request of VCORED Traina, COR suggested several revisions to the existing [policy on limited submission proposals](#) which were subsequently incorporated by the office of Research Development Services (RDS). With an increase in faculty numbers this academic year, and greater interest in submitting such proposals in light of decreased federal funding opportunities, RDS is anticipating a higher number of submissions than usual. RDS has requested that COR review the policy again and provide any recommended changes.
- b. **Action:** COR to review the limited submission policy and provide recommended revisions to RDS by mid-October.

**VI. UCM Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve Dairy Cattle Grazing**

- a. A group of UCM faculty members have contributed to a [report](#), written by Reserve Director Monique “Mo” Kolster, that outlines the negative affect on research and educational programs caused by the grazing of dairy cattle on the Reserve. The report was submitted to the Senate and VCORED Traina. Among the recommendations in the report is to remove the dairy cattle from the Reserve in favor of beef cattle, whose grazing is more compatible with, and more sustainable on, the Reserve land.
- b. **Action:** COR to discuss a potential response to the report from the Academic Senate.

**VII. Review of Centers/ORUs**

- a. UCM Center for the Humanities ORU Proposal
  - i. **Background:** In AY 16-17, the Center for the Humanities submitted a proposal to establish an ORU. The COR Chair responded to the lead author of the proposal in January 2017 with a list of suggested revisions in keeping with the requirements of the [1999 UCOP policy](#) entitled “Administrative Policies and Procedures Concerning Organized Research Units”. In March 2017, the Dean of SSHA [requested from PROC an external review](#) of the Center for the Humanities. In June, [PROC suggested to the Dean](#) that the Center notify COR and VCORED Traina that it is ready to undergo a review.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to discuss its role, if any, in the review of the Center for the Humanities.
- b. UC Merced Alliance for Child and Family Health and Development Funding Proposal
  - i. **Background:** In July 2017, Alliance Director Jeff Gilger submitted to COR and VCORED Traina a [proposal for bridge or core funding](#) for the UC Merced Alliance.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to discuss its role in reviewing the UC Merced Alliance’s proposal and the possibility of the Alliance forming a CRU.
- c. Center for Human Adaptive Systems and Environments (CHASE) ORU Proposal
  - i. **Background:** CHASE faculty plan to submit a proposal this academic year.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to discuss its role in reviewing the proposal.

**VIII. Campus Review Items**

- a. [Draft Sustainability Strategic Plan](#)
  - i. **Background:** The plan describes UCM’s comprehensive approach to ensuring that campus-wide sustainability goals are achieved. Among the goals are UCM’s “triple net zero commitment,” generate zero landfill waste, and the achievement of climate neutrality by 2020. COR is a lead reviewer.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the draft plan and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 2.
- b. [Climate Action Plan](#)
  - i. **Background:** A component of the draft, campus sustainability strategic plan. The Climate Action Plan provides a focused presentation of climate-related planning and clarifies policy commitments included in UCM’s [Long Range Development Plan](#) and being planned by individual “sustainability stakeholders” working through the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Sustainability. CAPRA is the lead reviewer.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the draft plan and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 2.

**IX. Systemwide Review Items**

- a. [Taskforce Report on the Negotiated Salary Trial Program](#)
  - i. **Background:** In September 2016, former UC Provost Dorr empaneled a task force comprised of UC faculty and administrators to review the Negotiated Salary Trial Program piloted at Irvine, L.A., and San Diego and to recommend whether to discontinue the program, continue it on a trial basis, or make it permanent. The taskforce recommended the program be extended for 4 more years and expanded to other campuses. CAPRA, FWAF, GC, and UGC are lead reviewers.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the taskforce recommendations and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 27.
- b. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 424.A.3 \(Area D\)](#)
  - i. **Background:** In January 2017, the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools charged a faculty working group with proposing revisions to the area “d” (laboratory science) requirement, to align UC’s subject area expectations more closely with the new expectations for high school science curricula based on California’s adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards for K-12.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the proposed revisions and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 27.

**X. Upcoming Business**

- a. The October 4 COR meeting will focus on a discussion with representatives from the Woods-Bagot firm. This firm has been hired by the campus to help create space allocation scenarios for new 2020 space (and the backfill space on the existing campus that will result from moving people into the new 2020 buildings). The firm has already met with CAPRA on space requirements, and is now consulting with COR and UGC.

**XI. Other Business****XII. Informational**

- a. [AY 16-17 COR Annual Report](#)
- b. [Guide to Senate Committee Membership & the Purpose and Practice of Executive Session](#)