Committee on Research (COR)
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I.   Chair's Report – David Noelle
    a. Division Council – February 16, 2017
    b. UCORP Meeting – February 13, 2017

II.   Consent Calendar
    a. Approval of the February 8, 2017 Minutes   **pg. 3**
    b. Approval of the February 22, 2017 Agenda

III. Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) ORU Review Committee
    a. **Background:** Paul Brown will represent SSHA, Marcelo Kallmann will represent SOE, and Keith Alley will represent SNS on the review committee. VC-ORED Traina will confirm an external reviewer, and will allow SNRI to update their self-study to include current information.
    b. **Action:** COR members to discuss updates and next steps.

IV.   Survey of Faculty Concerning Staff Support for Extramural Funding Efforts
    a. **Background:** Chair Noelle presented the survey data and summary at the Feb 16 Division Council meeting.
    b. **Action:** COR members to discuss final analysis of survey results.

V.   Center for the Humanities ORU Proposal
    a. **Background:** Submission letters have been successfully solicited from SSHA Dean Robbins and VC-ORED Traina. The authors of the ORU proposal have been asked to revise their document in order to meet systemwide requirements for such proposals.
    b. **Action:** In preparation of the arrival of a revised proposal, COR members are to discuss procedures and the division of labor for reviewing this proposal.

VI.   Administering the Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants Program   **pg. 7**
    a. **Background:** Every year, COR administers a faculty research grant program, with awards made in the Spring for use during the subsequent academic year. COR needs to determine how funds are to be allocated, generate a call for proposals, and prepare for the review of submissions.
    b. **Action:** COR members will discuss how this year's grant program will be structured and how proposals will be evaluated.

VII. Senate Awards - Distinguished Early Career Research and Distinction in Research
    a. **Background:** The call for nominations were announced on February 6, and due to the Senate Office by March 17. COR is responsible for the "Distinguished Early Career Research" and the "Distinction in Research" awards.
    b. **Action:** COR members to discuss how the Award Committee will be comprised, as directed in the calls for nominees.

VIII.   **Proposals for Five New Academic Units in the School of Engineering**
   a. **Background:** The School of Engineering is proposing five new academic units and has provided a cover letter and revised Bylaws that will take effect when the School splits into the proposed set of academic units. CRE, CAP, CAPRA, GC, and UGC are lead committees on this review.
   b. **Action:** As COR awaits receipt of a letter from the SSHA Executive Committee, committee members are to discuss and review the proposals as received. A due date will be provided upon receipt of the letter from SSHA.

IX.   **Purchasing and Research – Ramen Saha**
   a. Discussion of issues related to the purchasing process at UC Merced.

X.   **UCOP Initiative - NASA AMES - VC-ORED Traina**
   a. Discussion of from UC Office of the President that could affect all campuses.

XI.   **Systemwide Review Items**
   a. **Guide to Senate Committee Membership & Executive Session**
      i. **Background:** Senate Chair Amussen has requested review and comment on a draft *Guide to Senate Committee Membership and the Purpose and Practice of Executive Session*, to establish a common reference regarding fundamental aspects of Senate committee membership and function.
      ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 24, 2017.

   b. **Draft Presidential Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Policy**
      i. **Background:** The Policy is to establish minimum standards for the safe use and operation of UAS and Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (SUAS), including drones and model aircraft, on any University Location or at any Authorized University Activity. COR and GC are lead committees for this review.
      ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to Senate Chair by 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2017.

XII.   **Upcoming Business**
   a. Identify AY 2016-2017 High Priority Issues for COR
   b. Future Funding of Senate Faculty Grants Program
   c. ORU Proposal - Center for Human Adaptive Systems and Environments (CHASE)
   d. ORU Proposal Initiation Issues
   e. Blum Center reorganization
   f. Monitoring Progress of the 2020 Project

XIII.   **Other Business**