

Committee on Research (COR)
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
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- I. **Chair’s Report – David Noelle**
 - a. Division Council Meeting – September 8, 2016 (Member Saha representing COR)

- II. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of the September 7, 2016 Minutes pg. 3
 - b. Approval of the September 21, 2016 Agenda

- III. **Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) ORU Review Committee**
 - a. **Background:** An ORU review committee must be assembled. COR members were asked to look within their schools for nominees, VC-ORED is identifying an external reviewer, and Chair Noelle has contacted COC for their assistance in populating this review committee.
 - b. **Action:** COR members to provide updates on nominees.

- IV. **Survey of Faculty Concerning Staff Support for Extramural Funding Efforts**
 - a. **Background:** There have been relatively recent changes in staff support for the generation of extramural funding proposals. Support from Research Development Services (RDS) has been reduced and focused, and school staff have been given more substantial roles. The COR membership has expressed interest in surveying the faculty concerning their experiences with these changes, and VC-ORED Traina has suggested that any such survey needs to be conducted soon if it is to have an effect on workforce planning efforts.
 - b. **Action:** COR members design the contents of a faculty survey, and tasks associated with fabricating and delivering the survey are delegated, with deadlines specified.

- V. **Identify AY 2016-2017 High Priority Issues for COR**
 - a. **Background:** During the first meeting of the academic year, some topics were identified as high priority issues to be pursued by COR during AY 2016-2017. It is not clear, however, that sufficient time was available to forge agreement on this list of topics.
 - b. **Action:** COR members further discuss and work toward a consensus on high priority issues, so these may be communicated to the Division leadership.

- VI. **Campus Review Items**
 - a. **Proposal for a Heritage Studies Minor** pg. 5
 - i. **Background:** An updated proposal for a Heritage Studies undergraduate minor has been produced, responding to March 2016 comments from the Provost.
 - ii. **Action:** COR sends comments to senatechair@ucmerced.edu by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 21.

VII. Systemwide Review Items**a. Technical revisions to APM Section 190 Appendix G** **pg. 61**

- i. Background:** Systemwide Academic Senate Chair Chalfant has requested comments on proposed technical revisions to APM – 190, Appendix G, “Retirement Contributions on Academic Appointee Summer Salary”.
- ii. Action:** COR sends comments to senatechair@ucmerced.edu by 5:00 PM on Monday, October 3.

b. Presidential Policy on International Activities **pg. 69**

- i. Background:** Systemwide Academic Senate Chair Chalfant has requested comments on a proposed draft for a “Presidential Policy on International Activities”. COR is a lead committee on this review item.
- ii. Action:** COR sends comments to senatechair@ucmerced.edu by 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 27.

VIII. Upcoming Business

- a.** Future Funding of Senate Faculty Grants Program
- b.** Faculty Start-Up Funds & Other Campus Sources of Research Support
- c.** ORU Proposal - Center for Human Adaptive Systems and Environments (CHASE)
- d.** CCGA Proposals – MIST
- e.** Blum Center reorganization
- f.** Administering the Senate Faculty Grants Program
- g.** Monitoring Progress of the 2020 Project

IX. Other Business