Committee on Research (COR)
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I. **Chair's Report – David Noelle**
   a. Division Council – December 1, 2016 (Ramen Saha)
   b. UCORP – December 12, 2016

II. **Consent Calendar**
   a. Approval of the November 30, 2016 Minutes   **pg. 3**
   b. Approval of the December 14, 2016 Agenda

III. **Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) ORU Review Committee**
   a. **Background:** Committee on Committees has endorsed Paul Brown to represent SSHA, and Marcelo Kallmann has been endorsed to represent SOE on the review committee.
   b. **Action:** COR members to provide updates on nominees.

IV. **Survey of Faculty Concerning Staff Support for Extramural Funding Efforts**
   a. **Background:** A revised report of the survey results was distributed to COR on Dec 6.
   b. **Action:** COR members to review and discuss survey responses.

V. **Recommendations Regarding Faculty Start-Up and Incidental Expense Funds**
   a. **Background:** The UCM Faculty Welfare and Academic Freedom (FWAF) committee has prepared recommendations concerning campus policies on faculty start-up funds and incidental expense accounts. Division Council has asked COR to coordinate with FWAF concerning the revision of these recommendations.
   b. **Action:** COR members to discuss FWAF recommendations, critiques from Division Council, and potential modifications to the proposed recommendations.

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

VII. **Center for the Humanities ORU Proposal**
   a. **Background:** Following established policy, SSHA Dean Robbins and VC-ORED Traina have been asked to submit letters of consideration, due to the COR Analyst by Jan 4, 2017.
   b. **Action:** COR members to discuss procedures and division of labor for reviewing this proposal.

VIII. **ORU Proposal Initiation Issues**
   a. **Background:** COR has been asked to explore options available to faculty who have prepared an ORU proposal but have been unsuccessful at convincing relevant Deans to submit the proposal for review.
   b. **Action:** COR members to discuss the ORU proposal process, preparing advice for relevant faculty if potential solutions are identified.

IX.   **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.

X.   **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. Blum Center reorganization
   e. Administering the Senate Faculty Grants Program
   f. Monitoring Progress of the 2020 Project

XI.   **Other Business**