

Committee on Research (COR)
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
11:00-12:00 PM KL 362
Documents available at [UCM BOX](#)

I. [Composite Benefit Rates discussion](#) – 11:00 – 11:30

Guests: Controller & AVC Michael Riley, Business & Financial Services
Cost Standards and Policy Analyst Mark Perez, Business & Financial Services
Additional Guests TBD

- a. **Discussion:** Campuswide project to implement Composite Benefit Rates when UCM “goes live” with UC Path. BFS have met with Vice Chancellors (from the areas of Administration, Finance/Budget, and Research) and the Provost/EVC.

II. Chair’s Report – David Noelle

- a. April 6 Division Council meeting

III. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of the April 5, 2017 Minutes Pg. 1-4
- b. Approval of the April 19, 2017 Agenda

IV. Postdoc Salary and Benefits Issue

- a. A faculty member contacted Chair Noelle regarding issues surrounding postdocs’ salary and benefits. Renegotiation of postdoc salaries has left several faculty members short in their budget projections, causing them to make up the difference by using other research funds. This solution is not ideal, as postdocs are still left without support for several activities crucial to their positions, such as conference travel.
- b. **Discussion:** COR to discuss what role, if any, the committee may play in addressing these issues.

V. Purchasing and Research – Ramen Saha

- a. Continued discussion of issues related to the purchasing process at UC Merced. COR to discuss its role, if any, in addressing these issues.

VI. Campus Review Items

- a. Committee on Rules & Elections (CRE) [voting rights procedures](#)
 - i. **Background:** In response to questions from schools/units on voting rights, CRE has drafted recommended voting policies for academic personnel cases. These are recommendations only; schools/units are not required to adopt them. Please note that the section on “one person, one vote” with regard to CAP members is already in practice and accounted for by school AP staff and APO. A lead committee has not been assigned.
 - ii. **Action requested:** COR to review and send comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 21.

b. [Open Access 2020 Expression of Interest](#)

- i. **Background:** The [Open Access 2020](#) (OA 2020) initiative is intended to facilitate the “large-scale implementation of free online access to, and largely unrestricted use and re-use of scholarly research articles,” aspirationally by the year 2020. Institutions express their support by signing an Expression of Interest (Eoi), the goal of which is to build a global consensus for converting the journal literature to open access. The Senate Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication has opined, and its memo is included in the Box folder linked above. This item will be discussed at the first Division Council meeting of Fall 2017.
- ii. **Action requested:** COR to review and recommend to the Senate Chair whether or not UCM should sign the Eoi. Recommendation is due by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 12.

VII. Systemwide Review Items

a. [Proposed Presidential Policy on Export Controls](#)

- i. **Background:** This new policy provides the core parameters for compliance with the federal export control regulations. COR and GC are lead committees on this review.
- ii. **Action requested:** COR to review and send comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 28.

b. [Proposed revisions to APM 285, 133, 210, and 740](#)

- i. **Background:** Proposed revisions would change the name of the L(P)SOE series to Assistant Teaching Professor (LPSOE), Associate Teaching Professor (LSOE), and Teaching Professor (Senior LSOE). CAP is the lead committee on this review.
- ii. **Action requested:** COR to review and send comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 28.

c. [Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 336](#)

- i. **Background:** These are second-round revisions to Senate Bylaw 336. The proposed revisions address procedures and timelines for Privilege and Tenure proceedings in discipline cases. The amendments are intended to align Bylaw 336 with the [revisions to APMs 015 and 016 approved by the Regents earlier this month](#), and to implement policy revisions recommended by the Administration-Senate Joint Committee on Investigation and Adjudication Processes for Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence cases involving faculty, described in the Joint Committee’s [Report](#) of April 4, 2016. P&T, D&E, and FWAF are lead committees on this review.
- ii. **Action requested:** COR to review and send comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 28.

VIII. Informational Item

a. Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) [paper](#) on Federally Funded Academic Research Costs.

- i. **Background:** COGR is a group of about 250 research universities (including UCM) and hospitals that address issues, mostly at the federal level, that impact the research activities of the member organizations. These issues range from research compliance matters, to audits, to federal budgets, export control regulations, etc.. COGR has written this paper in response to the discussion in Congress regarding F&A rates on research grants.

IX. Upcoming Business

- a. Consultation with Chief Procurement Officer Joshua Dubroff (May 17)
- b. Center for the Humanities ORU Proposal
- c. Future Funding of Senate Faculty Grants Program
- d. ORU Proposal - Center for Human Adaptive Systems and Environments (CHASE)
- e. ORU Proposal Initiation Issues
- f. Blum Center reorganization
- g. Monitoring Progress of the 2020 Project

X. Other Business