

**Committee on Research (COR)**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**April 8, 2015**

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 3:00 pm on April 8, 2015 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair David C. Noelle presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Noelle updated the COR members on the March 19 Division Council meeting:

-- Senate input is being sought for the Sponsored Projects office search for a new Director.

--The School of Natural Sciences is piloting the Research Development Service unit's new grants submission system.

--Senate Bylaw 335.B "Preliminary Procedure in Grievance Cases" states that each Division shall appoint an individual or panel, preferably former members of the Committee on Privilege & Tenure (P&T), who provide advice to faculty members before their grievances are converted into formal cases and submitted to P&T. UC Merced does not yet have such a panel and discussions have begun on its formulation.

--The Committee on Rules & Elections has approved the removal of language that prohibits research unit directors from serving on Senate committees.

--CAPRA is still awaiting feedback from the Provost/EVC on a series of memos it has submitted regarding the AY 2015-2016 FTE allocation process and the status of carry over FTE lines.

--Faculty representing Division Council and CAPRA attended a Project 2020 debrief with AVC for Real Estate Abigail Rider. This debrief occurred after a series of meetings between faculty members and the three short-listed Project 2020 developer teams. Faculty input will be sought again after final team proposals are submitted. Division Council is preparing an open letter to the Provost requesting further faculty involvement in the shaping of the draft request for proposals and the final request for proposals.

--A new strategy for hiring Presidential Postdoctoral Fellows is being formulated as the current procedures are unclear.

--This year's Senate awards include the new award for Excellence in Faculty Mentorship.

--There is a proposal to privatize ECEC services and the ECEC advisory board is holding meetings to this effect. Several UCM faculty have expressed concern about the proposal.

--UCOP is considering the creation of a UC Care HMO health plan as the current UC Care PPO plan, intended to replace the previous Blue Cross PPO plan available to UC employees, is experiencing significant challenges.

## II. Consent Calendar

**ACTION:** The March 11 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

## III. Campus Review Items

--Public Health CCGA proposal.

COR members discussed and expanded the review previously provided by a committee member. Committee members were generally supportive of the proposal but pointed out various concerns that included resources, the lack of a dean's letter concerning the future allocation of FTE lines, and the need for the proposal to include a discussion of research facilities.

**ACTION:** COR voted to endorse the proposal. COR to send memo to the Senate chair stating the committee's endorsement but listing the concerns.

--MIST CCGA proposal.

COR members discussed and expanded the review previously provided by a committee member. Committee members were generally supportive of the proposal but pointed out various concerns that included the placements of FTE lines, student demand and potential career opportunities for students, and quantitative projections concerning the availability of teaching assistantships and potential availability of extramural funding for graduate support.

**ACTION:** COR voted to endorse the proposal. COR to send memo to the Senate chair stating the committee's endorsement but listing the concerns.

--Revised Economics proposal.

COR members discussed the Economics group's response to COR's comments on the original proposal. While the group responded to COR's concerns about library resources and demand for experts in health economics, the responses did not appear in the body of the revised proposal.

**ACTION:** COR to send memo to the Senate chair, for later transmittal to the Economics group, that it requests the aforementioned statements placed in the body of the revised proposal.

IV. Systemwide Review Items

--Guidelines on Accepting and Managing Equity in Return for Access to University Facilities and/or Services

-- Proposed Revision to Senate Bylaw 182

-- Copyright and Fair Use Policy

**ACTION:** All items were tabled until the April 22 meeting.

V. Senate Faculty Research Grants

The call for proposals was submitted on March 6.

**ACTION:** Item was tabled for the April 22 COR meeting where the committee will discuss prioritizing evaluation criteria.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Attest: David C. Noelle, COR Chair

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