

Committee on Research (CoR)

Friday, October 9, 2015

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

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Supporting Documents available on [Box](#)
 CoR AY 14-15 annual report available [here](#)

Item	Discussion Time
<p>I. Chair’s Report and Announcements—Chair Gopinathan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introductions 	5 min
<p>II. Consent Calendar</p> <p>A. Approval of the Agenda</p>	
<p>III. Consultation with Provost/EVC Peterson and VCRED Traina</p> <p>A. Potential Increase of Funding for Research Faculty Grants</p> <p>Relevant correspondence is available here (pp. 3 – 53) Background: In AY 13-14 and AY 14-15, COR sent memos to Division Council and the Provost/EVC on the need for funding for the Senate faculty grants program to increase commensurate with the growth in faculty numbers. The most recent memo, resulting from an informal survey of previous faculty award winners to assess the program’s impact on faculty members’ research programs, was submitted to the Provost/EVC in February 2015.</p> <p>Discussion: Updates from the Provost/EVC on increased funding for the Senate faculty grants program.</p> <p>B. ORUs, MRUs, Centers, Core Facilities Policies</p> <p>Background: In 2014, the Senate approved the comprehensive set of policies drafted by COR in AY 13-14 on the establishment and review of ORUs, including centers and core facilities. These comprehensive policies were distributed widely to the campus. Subsequently, the Provost/EVC drafted his own policy on centers and the VCRED drafted a clarification process on ORUs. The Senate reviewed both of these policies and requested, via memos from Division Council in AY 14-15, the need for one, streamlined, campus policy on the establishment and review of ORUs, centers, and core facilities.</p> <p>Relevant correspondence and policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of ORUs policy, Office of Research (pp. 54-61) ▪ Establishment of Centers policy, Provost’s Office (pp. 62-63) ▪ Senate Policy (pp. 64-77) ▪ Senate Memo to VCROED Traina, March 20, 2014 (pp. 78-84) ▪ Senate memo to Provost/EVC Peterson, March 11, 2015 (pp. 85-106) <p>Discussion: the need for one campus policy and a streamlined process.</p> <p>C. Indirect Cost Return</p> <p>Relevant Memo from VCRED to PIs is available here (pp. 107-109)</p>	45 min

Background: COR met with various members of the administration in 2014 and spring 2015 to discuss the need for transparency and consistency in any future distribution model created for indirect cost return. In May 2015, the VCRED distributed to faculty a memo detailing a distribution model and an accompanying list of FAQ.

Discussion: Do COR members need any clarification on the model distributed by the VCRED?

IV. 2016 Senate Faculty Research Grants 15 min

Background: each year, COR reviews the previous year's call for proposals and re-assesses both the call and the review criteria as necessary. Last year's call is available [here](#). (pp. 110-116)

Discussion: COR members to review and evaluate last year's call and evaluation process and determine if any changes should be made. Additional information on last year's process and challenges is included in the AY 14-15 COR annual report. The 2016 call for proposals should be distributed in February.

V. Systemwide Review Item 5 min

Requests for comments on systemwide review items are sent to standing committees. Comments are optional.

A. [Proposed Revisions to Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment](#)

Comments are due to senatechair@ucmerced.edu by October 19, 2015.