

**Committee on Research (COR)**

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM; **KL 360**Documents available at UCM Box [COR AY 17-18](#)

- I. **Chair's Report – David Noelle**
  - A. [January 17 UCORP Meeting](#)
  - B. [January 23 Division Council Meeting](#)
- II. **Vice Chair's Report – Roummel Marcia**
  - A. [January 30 PROC Meeting](#)
- III. **Budget Working Group Update – Michael Scheibner**
  - A. Working Group Updates
- IV. **Consent Calendar**
  - a. Approval of the January 30, 2018 Meeting Agenda
  - b. Approval of the draft [January 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes](#)
- V. **Senate Awards for Distinction in Research and Early Career Research**
  - a. The Academic Senate issues annual awards for distinction in research, teaching, Senate service, public service, and faculty mentorship. COR is responsible for reviewing nominations and selecting winners for the awards for Distinction in Research (tenured faculty) and Early Career Research ( untenured faculty). The committee will form two subcommittees for the review of nominations for each award. This year's Call for Nominations will be issued by the Senate Office on February 5, nominations are due to the Senate Office on March 9, and COR must select winners for the two awards by March 23. The winners' names will be announced at the April 16 Meeting of the Division.
  - b. **Action:** COR to review the draft criteria for the award for [Distinction in Research](#) and [Early Career Research](#) and suggest any edits by 5:00 pm today. COR members to also form award subcommittees for the review of nominations.
- VI. **Modification of Academic Senate Policy for the Establishment and Review of Centers**
  - a. There is at least one campus center for which COR is charged to produce a review, and there have been inquiries concerning the required materials for proposing a new core facility. [Current UCM Academic Senate policy](#) on this matter is insufficiently detailed to guide the review process or to specify the requirements for a core facility proposal. It is likely that Academic Senate policy will need to be augmented and/or modified in order for COR to move forward with pending business related to centers and core facilities.
  - b. **Action:** COR to develop a plan to promptly produce an initial draft of proposed modifications to policy.
- VII. **Research Computing Support**
  - a. At the November 29, 2017 meeting, COR members discussed the lack of resources for faculty research computing. It was suggested that COR issue a memo to the Budget Working Group to recommend that a portion of indirect cost return be used for research computing. Also, it was proposed that COR submit a memo to the School Reorganization Working Group with an inquiry into how staff should be allocated so as to support faculty research computing.
  - b. **Action:** COR members to decide whether to issue these memos.

**VIII. Campus Review Item**

- a. [Proposed revisions](#) to [Section Part II, Section 4](#) of the Division Regulations addressing Honors.
  - i. The proposed revisions establish standards for awarding High and Highest Honors in the major. These revisions are requested by Divisional Council, following its April 24, 2017 endorsement of UGC's approval of *The Proposal for an English Honors Program*. At that time, Divisional Council noted that the Honors Program can be established, and students enrolled to graduate with honors, but that the program's desire to award High Honors and Highest Honors requires revisions to the Division's Regulations. There is no lead reviewer among Senate committees.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the proposed revisions and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13.

**IX. Systemwide Review Item**

- a. [Proposed Amendment to Senate Bylaw 128](#)
  - i. A new section has been added which would govern conflicts of interest on Senate committees, subcommittees, and task forces. There is no lead reviewer.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 26.

**X. Informational Item**

- A. [Final Sustainability Strategic Plan](#)

The Plan was included as an informational item on Division Council's January 23 agenda.

**XI. Upcoming Business**

- a. Spring 2018
  - i. Additional Support for Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants program
  - ii. External Review of the Center for the Humanities
  - iii. Draft a Conflict of Interest statement like those of [other Senate committees](#)