

Committee on Research (COR)**Wednesday, January 30, 2019****2:30 – 4:00 pm****Location: KL 362****Documents available at UCM Box: [COR AY 18-19](#)****I. Chair's Report – *Michael Scheibner***

- A. Welcome new members
- B. [Division Council meeting January 23](#)

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. Approval of the [December 12, 2018](#) and [January 16, 2019](#) meeting minutes
- C. Senate Awards for Early Career and Distinction in Research
The call for nominations for Senate awards will be issued to all Senate faculty on Monday, February 4. CoR is responsible for the review of nominations and selection of awardees for the Senate Award for Early Career Research (untenured) and the Senate Award for Distinction in Research (tenured).

The 2019 call for nominations for both research awards are [here](#). No revisions are being proposed from last year's draft.

III. ORU Policy – *Michael Scheibner, Emily Moran*

The lead reviewers have made further revisions to the draft ORU policy.

Action: CoR members to review the [updated draft](#) and suggest any additional revisions.

IV. Consultation with VCORED Traina

- A. Limited Submission Procedures - *VCORED Traina, Anand Subramaniam*
The lead reviewers have made further revisions to the draft procedures.

Action: CoR members to review the revised procedures ([link forthcoming](#)) and suggest any additional modifications. The revised procedures will be transmitted to Research Development Services.

V. Senate Faculty Grant Proposals

- A. Discussion of criteria for evaluation and ranking of proposals.

Total proposals received: 42. (18 SNS, 7 SOE, 17 SSHA)

Total amount of funds requested: \$273,152.84

Proposals can be viewed [here](#).

Final rankings and selection of awardees will occur at the February 13 CoR meeting.

Action: CoR to discuss the Chair's preliminary, suggested set of funded proposals ([forthcoming](#)) according to criteria in the Call for Proposals.

VI. Campus Review Items

- A. [Proposal from SSHA to Change Academic Unit Name](#)

Proposed change "Social Sciences and Management" to "Economics & Business Management".

Per the UC Merced policy on the Establishment or Revision of Academic Units, this change must undergo Senate review. At the last CoR meeting, members agreed the committee should opine.

The draft memo is [here](#).

Action: CoR to review and approve the draft memo. The memo is due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 13.

B. [Proposed Working Title Change for L\(P\)SOE Series](#)

APM 285, pertaining to the L(P)SOE series was recently revised. The revisions went into effect October 1, 2018, and each campus is expected to implement them by July 1, 2019. This will require a new rank/step structure, salary scales, and titles for each campus.

The VPF has asked the Senate to consider a request from a consortium of L(P)SOEs to endorse a change in their working title to “Teaching Professor”:

- Assistant Teaching Professor for those holding a LPSOE payroll title
- Associate Teaching Professor for those holding a LSOE payroll title
- Full Teaching Professor for those hold a Sr. LSOE payroll title

At the last CoR meeting, members agreed the committee should opine. The draft memo is [here](#).

Action: CoR to review and approve the draft memo. The memo is due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 13.

C. [Psychological Sciences Honors Program Proposal](#)

Action: CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer will be assigned. Lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed via email. CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 22.

D. [Proposal for an Economics B.S.](#)

Action: CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer will be assigned. Lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed via email. CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 22.

E. [Proposed revisions to Merced Regulations re: Master’s Degree Requirements](#)

The proposal is to reduce the minimum of units of approved courses required for a master’s degree by comprehensive exam (Plan II) from 30 to 24 and, commensurately, to reduce from 24 to 20 the number of units which must be from graduate-level courses in the 200 series. No changes are proposed to the unit requirements for a master’s degree by thesis (Plan I) In proposing these revisions, Graduate Council reviewed the unit requirements at other UC campuses, and determined that the reduction would make our requirements much more similar to those of other campuses, including Berkeley.

Action: CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer will be assigned. Lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed via email. CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 25.

VII. Systemwide Review Items

- A. [Second Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations](#)

A summary of revisions made in response to the first round of UC campus review is found [here](#).

In the first round of review in AY 17-18, CoR endorsed the policy with no additional comments.

CoR is a lead reviewer.

Action: CoR to assign a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer's comments will be discussed via email. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 25.

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

In June 2018, the California State Auditor (CSA) released an audit report entitled "The University of California Office of the President: It Must Take Steps to Address Issues With Its Response to Sexual Harassment Complaints." The report was accepted by President Napolitano, and the Board of Regents has directed the Academic Senate to implement the CSA recommendations by July 2019. The CSA report recommends that the Academic Senate revise its bylaws (i.e., SBL 336) concerning the Committee on Privilege and Tenure procedures for handling disciplinary cases as follows:

(a) A hearing should be required to begin no later than 60 calendar days after charges have been filed by the Chancellor, unless an extension is granted for good cause. The notion of 'good cause' should be defined.

(b) A hearing committee should be required to deliver its report to the Chancellor no later than 30 calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing, and the phrase 'conclusion of the hearing' should be precisely defined.

Action: CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer will be assigned. Lead reviewer's comments will be discussed via email. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 25.

- C. [Proposed Revisions to SVSH Academic Frameworks](#)

These are draft revisions to the SVSH Investigation and Adjudication Framework for Senate and Non-Senate Faculty, and the Investigation and Adjudication Framework for Staff and Non-Faculty Academic Personnel.

Action: CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer will be assigned. Lead reviewer's comments will be discussed via email. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 25.

VIII. Informational Item

- A. [R1 data from IRDS](#)

IX. Upcoming Business

- A. February 13 – ranking of Senate faculty grant proposals and selection of awardees
B. February 27 – consultation with Director of Procurement Josh Dubroff
C. Campus Review Item – [Space Planning](#). No lead reviewer. Deadline: March 11.
D. Systemwide Review Item – [Proposed UC Transfer Admission Guarantee](#). CoR not a lead reviewer. Deadline: March 22.