

**Committee on Research (COR)****Wednesday, October 18, 2017****1:30 – 2:30 PM; [KL 362](#)****Documents available at UCM Box [COR AY 17-18](#)**

- I. **Chair's Report – *David Noelle***
  - a. [October 16 UCORP meeting](#)
  
- II. **Vice Chair's Report – *Roummel Marcia***
  - a. [October 2 PROC meeting](#)
  - b. [October 9 Division Council meeting](#)
  - c. [October 16 Academic Governance Cabinet meeting](#)
  
- III. **Work Group Update – *Michael Scheibner***
  - a. Budget Work Group
  
- IV. **Consent Calendar**
  - a. Approval of the [October 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes](#)
  - b. Approval of the October 18, 2017 Agenda
  
- V. **Limited Submission Policy**
  - a. **Background:** At the September 20, 2017 meeting, COR members reviewed the Office of Research Development Services (RDS)'s [policy on limited submission proposals](#). COR members noted that the policy states that RDS will attempt to notify the faculty of pending opportunities at least 12 weeks before the sponsor deadline and 4-6 weeks before the internal deadline. COR suggested modifying this language to read that RDS will attempt to notify faculty of limited submission opportunities within five days of learning of the opportunities. COR members also agreed that RDS should search for agencies/programs that offer limited submission proposals on a regular cycle, allowing RDS to make faculty aware of these competitions even before a formal call for proposals is made available for a given year.
  - b. **Action:** COR to finalize a memo which will be transmitted to RDS after today's meeting.
  
- VI. **Access to Bridge Funding**
  - a. **Background:** Concerns have been recently raised about how abrupt changes in policy have interfered with the ability of research faculty to complete extramurally funded projects without bridge funding or other institutional support. The lack of sources for bridge funding on campus has been highlighted by COR in previous communications with the administration, focusing on the central role played by the Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants program.
  - b. **Action:** COR to brainstorm approaches to encourage the establishment of sources of bridge funding.
  
- VII. **Review of ORUs/Centers**
  - a. **Background:** At the September 20, 2017 meeting, COR tabled the discussion on the Center for the Humanities review with the intention of continuing the discussion at the October 18, 2017 meeting. This is a need to review the [Academic Senate's 2014 policy](#) on the establishment and review of research units, along with [VCORED Traina's policy](#) on the review of ORUs, with the goal of clarifying procedures for the review of a Center, such as the Center for the Humanities.
  - b. **Action:** COR to discuss revisions to the 2014 Senate policy and ways to integrate VCORED Traina's ORU policy, incorporating material concerning the review of Centers.

**VIII. Purchasing/Procurement Issues**

- a. **Background:** Director of Procurement Joshua Dubroff will attend the November 1, 2017 COR meeting.
- b. **Action:** COR to formulate questions and issues regarding campus purchasing. The questions will be submitted to Director Dubroff prior to the November 1 meeting.

**IX. Campus Review Items**

- a. [Discontinuance of the Environmental Sciences & Sustainability \(ESSU\) Minor](#)
  - i. **Background:** The Life & Environmental Sciences faculty in the School of Natural Sciences (SNS) has requested the discontinuance of the ESSU minor in anticipation of offering a richer minor in conjunction with the ongoing growth in Management and the Sustainability SAFI faculty contributions. UGC is the lead reviewer.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the request to discontinue the ESSU minor and provide comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on October 18, 2017.
- b. [Proposed Revisions to UCM Bylaws to Establish a Reserve CAP](#)
  - i. **Background:** The proposed revisions to Part II. Title III. 2. of Division Bylaws would establish a six-member reserve CAP (RCAP) as a standing committee of CAP. RCAP would review 1) the case files of current or former CAP members, and 2) appeals by faculty members. Currently, these three functions are performed by ad hoc committees assembled by the Vice Provost for the Faculty. There are no lead committees for this review.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the proposed revisions and submit comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 27.

**X. Systemwide Review Items**

- a. [Taskforce Report on the Negotiated Salary Trial Program](#)
  - i. **Background:** In September 2016, former UC Provost Dorr empaneled a task force comprised of UC faculty and administrators to review the Negotiated Salary Trial Program piloted at Irvine, L.A., and San Diego and to recommend whether to discontinue the program, continue it on a trial basis, or make it permanent. The taskforce recommended the program be extended for 4 more years and expanded to other campuses. CAPRA, FWAF, GC, and UGC are lead reviewers.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the taskforce recommendations and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 27.
- b. [Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 424.A.3 \(Area D\)](#)
  - i. **Background:** In January 2017, the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools charged a faculty working group with proposing revisions to the area “d” (laboratory science) requirement, to align UC’s subject area expectations more closely with the new expectations for high school science curricula based on California’s adoption of the Next Generation Science Standards for K-12.
  - ii. **Action:** COR to review the proposed revisions and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 27.

**XI. Upcoming Business**

- a. Completing Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) Review Process
- b. November 1 meeting
  - i. Director of Procurement Joshua Dubroff
  - ii. Revisions of the evaluation criteria for the annual Senate faculty grants program
  - iii. COR to draft a Conflict of Interest statement