

Committee on Research (COR)
Wednesday, November 7, 2018
2:00 – 3:30 pm
Location: KL 397

Documents available at UCM Box: [COR AY 18-19](#)

I. Chair's Report – *Michael Scheibner*

- A. 2019 UC-National Laboratory Fees Research Program (LFRP) topics
- i. At the request of UCORP, Chair Scheibner previously issued a request to department chairs and school executive committee chairs to submit possible topics for this year's LFRP.
 - ii. **Discussion:** [topics received](#).
- B. [Division Council November 6 meeting](#)

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of November 7, 2018 meeting agenda
- B. Approval of [October 24, 2018 draft meeting minutes](#)

III. ORU Policy

Discussion: the two lead reviewers of the [2014 Senate research unit policy](#) to share their preliminary comments and suggestions on augmenting the section on the establishment and review of ORUs.

IV. Consultation with VCORED Traina

- A. Limited Submission Procedures
VCORED Traina has requested CoR's review of the [current procedures for campus limited submissions](#).
Discussion: Should authority over submission selection remain at the dean/school level, or should this responsibility be delegated to each department chair?
- B. Indirect cost return distribution
Discussion: distribution formula
- C. Post-award grant management
Discussion: Will this be addressed by the VCORED's Grant Working Group?

V. Systemwide Review Item

- A. [Proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-46](#) (Use of Vehicles and Driver Selection policy)
The key issues addressed by the proposed revisions to the Policy include:
- The inclusion of the California DMV Negligent Operator Treatment System as a standard for eligibility to drive on behalf of the University.
 - Implementation will apply to all drivers on University business – not solely employees.
 - Establishment of Vehicle Collision Review Committees to review collisions, determine preventability, and promote driver safety awareness.
 - Establishment of guidelines for drivers involved in preventable collisions including training, suspension, and potential revocation of driving privileges.

Action: CoR to discuss the [lead reviewer's comments](#). CoR's memo is due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 20.

VI. Campus Review Item**A. [Principles to Guide the Conduct of Executive Session](#)**

The proposed principles and associated practices are intended to establish for committee members, consultants, guests, and the broader campus community, a set of expectations for how executive sessions are conducted in the Senate, and to promote consistency in the implementation of executive sessions across Senate committees.

Action: CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer to be identified. The lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the November 28 CoR meeting. CoR's comments, if any, are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 4.

VII. Other Business

- A. Two-Factor Authentication policy effective November 26 for all UC Merced employees. Should CoR invite CIO Kovalchick or Deputy CIO Dugan to a future meeting? Issues with the new policy: access from abroad, alternate methods to receive a code, lack of faculty consultation, text message cost for students, and incentive to use less secure email options.
- B. UC Merced gift policy and administrative fee
- C. Support for increased funding for Senate faculty research grants. Possible options:
 - i. collaborating with the Budget Work Group, and potentially integrating CoR's request into the recommendations that will ultimately result from the Work Group's business this year.
 - ii. convert the Senate faculty research grants program into an incentive program for faculty to engage in revenue generating activities, i.e. submitting grant proposals to funding agencies or foundations, or publishing a book. An option could be to award a certain amount of money, for example, for each proposal that gets submitted with full indirect costs, for a book or for a paper that gets published. For example: proposal \$1,000; book \$1,000, paper \$100 x journal impact factor. Important information to know would be how many grants get submitted each year, how many papers and books get published, and what the impact factors are, in order to calculate how much funding would be needed for such an incentive program.