

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (COR)**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024**  
**1:30 – 3:00 PM**

- I. Chair’s Report – *Chair Ye* **1:30 – 1:40**
- A. December 9 University Committee on Research Policy (UCORP) meeting
  - B. December 16 Divisional Council meeting
  - C. December 16 Meeting of the Division
- II. Consent Calendar
- A. Today’s agenda
  - B. Draft December 4, 2024 meeting minutes
- Action requested:** Approval of the Consent Calendar
- III. Systemwide Review Items **1:40 – 1:55**
- A. Revisions to the Presidential Policy on the Use of Animals in Research, Teaching, and Testing
- The proposed revised policy would update and replace UC’s current policy ““Use of Animals in Research and Teaching”.
- Proposed revisions are available here.
  - A summary of proposed revisions is available here.
  - The lead reviewer’s comments are available here.

**Action:** CoR will discuss the lead reviewer’s comments. CoR’s final comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, January 31.

- B. Presidential Policy on Dual Use Research of Concern and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential
- This policy revises the current UC Dual Use Research of Concern Policy with new and updated provisions, per the White House communication on dual use research issued May 6, 2024. Specifically, the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) issued the United States Government Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC) and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential (PEPP) (USG Policy).
- Proposed policy and explanatory cover letter are available here.

**Action:** CoR will select a select reviewer. The lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed via email and placed on the agenda in January (date TBD). CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by Monday, February 3.

IV. Update on AY 24-25 Senate Faculty Grants Program **1:55 – 2:10**

- The draft, revised call is available here and was previously distributed to CoR members. The revisions were based on discussions at previous CoR meetings.

CoR Chair Ye will provide an update from the Senate Chair. Per the December 4 CoR meeting (see minutes), the Senate Chair was scheduled to meet with campus leadership in mid-December to inquire about the possibility of extending the spending deadline of the remaining MacKenzie Scott gift funds beyond June 30, 2025. If an extension is not possible, the remaining funds may be allocated to an endowment for Senate faculty needs (per CoR's request here). The AY 24-25 call for proposals will be issued to Senate faculty after the total amount of funds for this year's program is confirmed by campus leadership.

V. Consultation with VCR Wilson **2:10 – 2:25**  
Topics TBDVI. Action Items from Shared Governance Retreat **2:25 – 2:45**

The notes from the October 30 Shared Governance Retreat, together with a list of campus priorities that were agreed upon by the attendees, are available here:  
<https://ucmerced.box.com/s/eq155h0kklz171g26x87t0n3zpc0of86>

**Action:** CoR will continue their discussion from the December 4 meeting and identify areas of focus for this academic year based on the campus priorities agreed upon at the shared governance retreat.

VII. Other Business **2:45 – 3:00**

- A. Spring 2025 CoR meeting schedule