

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (COR)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024
1:30 – 3:00 PM

- I. Chair’s Report – *Chair Ye* **1:30 – 1:40**
 A. November 18 and December 2 Divisional Council meetings
 B. November 18 University Committee on Research Policy (UCORP) meeting
- II. Consent Calendar
 A. Today’s agenda
 B. Draft November 13, 2024 meeting minutes
- Action requested:** Approval of the Consent Calendar
- III. Systemwide Review Item **1:40 – 1:45**
 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.

Action: CoR will identify a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed at the December 18 CoR meeting and/or via email. CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, January 31.

- IV. Update on AY 24-25 Senate Faculty Grants Program **1:45 – 1:55**
 • The draft, revised call is available here and was distributed to CoR members via email on November 14. The revisions were based on discussions at previous CoR meetings.

CoR Chair Ye will provide an update from the November 18 Divisional Council meeting. At that meeting, Council members discussed whether the remaining MacKenzie Scott funds (\$100K) should be placed into an endowment per CoR’s previous request (memo here) or if it is possible for CoR to use the funds for this year’s grants program **if an extension is granted** to the June 30, 2025 spending deadline. An extension is **not** guaranteed.

A confirmation is forthcoming before the end of the fall semester. At that time, CoR can finalize the call for proposals and issue it to Senate faculty.

- V. Consultation with VCR **1:55 – 2:15**
- A. ORED Staff (Principal Manager Shared Cores Research Facilities, Director Central CA SBDC Network, Assistant Vice Chancellor OTIIR)
 - B. ORED Strategic Visioning Exercise
 - C. Proof of Concept Funds
 - D. FY23 NSF HERD report

- VI. Action Items from Shared Governance Retreat **2:15 – 2:35**
- 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 identify areas of focus for this academic year based on the campus priorities agreed upon at the shared governance retreat.

- VII. Consultation with Office of External Relations **2:35 – 3:00**
- Guests:
 - Ed Klotzbier, Vice Chancellor, External Relations & President, UC Merced Foundation, External Relations
 - Lisa Pollard, Associate Vice Chancellor & Vice President, UC Merced Foundation, Philanthropy & Strategic Partnerships
 - Terisa Roesler, Executive Director, Major Giving, Philanthropy & Strategic Partnerships
 - Marci Gordon, Executive Director of Institutional Giving, Philanthropy & Strategic Partnerships
 - Topics/questions:
 - UC Merced could become a Carnegie R1 institution as early as next year. What are the potential new opportunities in raising philanthropic support for research that come with the designation? How can we make good use of these opportunities?
 - What are the ongoing campus initiatives to raise funds for research from private foundations, industry, and individual donors and where can faculty play a role?