

Committee on Research (COR)**Tuesday, February 13, 2018****10:30 AM – 12:00 PM; KL 360****Documents available at UCM Box [COR AY 17-18](#)****I. Chair's Report – *David Noelle***

- A. [February 2 Academic Governance Cabinet](#) meeting
- B. [February 6 Division Council](#) meeting
- C. [February 12 UCORP](#) meeting

II. Vice Chair's Report – *Roummel Marcia*

- A. [February 12 PROC](#) meeting

III. Budget Working Group Update – *Michael Scheibner*

- A. Update from February 8 meeting

IV. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of the February 6, 2018 Meeting Agenda
- b. Approval of the [draft January 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes](#)

V. Establishment and Review of Research Units

- a. Modification of Academic Senate Policy for the Establishment and Review of Centers
 - i. There is at least one campus center for which COR is charged to produce a review, and there have been inquiries concerning the required materials for proposing a new core facility. [Current UCM Academic Senate policy](#) on this matter is insufficiently detailed to guide the review process or to specify the requirements for a core facility proposal. At the January 30, 2018 COR meeting, three members volunteered to begin the process of modifying the policy, beginning with the section on Centers and Core Facilities, as COR has pending business in these areas. The Committee agreed that the section on Centers should be revised to state that COR will, at the time of a Center's establishment, decide whether it is to participate in the Center's five-year reviews. Using the proposed revisions to the sections on Centers and Core Facilities as a guide, COR will then modify the section on ORUs.
 - ii. **Action:** the three COR lead reviewers will provide a status update on their initial suggestions for revisions to the policy with regard to Centers and Core Facilities.
- b. The Center for the Humanities [proposal to establish an ORU](#)
 - i. A proposal has been received concerning the establishment of the Center for the Humanities as an ORU. According to Academic Senate policy, COR will take the lead in reviewing the proposal before it is issued to Division Council for Senate-wide review.
 - ii. **Action:** COR to discuss the process for the review of this ORU proposal.

VI. Consultation with VCORED Sam Traina

- A. [VCORED's response](#) to [COR memo](#) on indirect cost return.

VII. Research Computing Support

- a. At the November 29, 2017 and January 30, 2018 meetings, COR members discussed the lack of resources for faculty research computing. It was suggested that COR issue a memo to the Budget Working Group to recommend that a portion of indirect cost return be used for research computing. Also, it was proposed that COR submit a memo to the School Reorganization Working Group concerning how staff should be allocated so as to support research computing. The committee subsequently discussed ways in which the severity of this issue could be communicated to the administration, including the use of anecdotes from

affected faculty members. These anecdotes would potentially be forwarded to the Budget Working Group, IT, Deans, and the Provost as evidence of a systemic problem.

- b. **Action:** COR members to continue their discussion on this topic.

VIII. Campus Review Item

- a. [Revised Guidelines](#) from the Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE) for Voting on Faculty Personnel Cases at the Unit Level
 - i. Originally proposed in AY 16-17, CRE revised the guidelines in response to comments from Academic Senate committees. (COR declined to comment.) There is no lead review committee, and the deadline for comments is Monday, March 12, 2018.
 - ii. **Action:** COR to review the revised guidelines and determine whether to comment.

IX. Upcoming Business

- a. Spring 2018
 - i. Additional Support for Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants program
 - ii. Draft a Conflict of Interest statement like those of [other Senate committees](#)