

Committee on Research (COR)**Wednesday, February 13, 2019****2:30 – 4:30 pm****Location: KL 362****Documents available at UCM Box: [COR AY 18-19](#)****I. Chair's Report – *Michael Scheibner***

- A. [Division Council meeting February 4](#)
- B. [UCORP meeting February 11](#)
- C. CoR representation on campus Academic Planning Work Group

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. Approval of the [January 30 meeting minutes](#)

III. ORU Policy – *Michael Scheibner, Emily Moran*

The lead reviewers have made further revisions to the draft ORU policy.

Action: CoR members to review the [updated draft](#) and suggest any additional revisions.

IV. Consultation with VCORED Traina

- A. Limited Submission Procedures - *VCORED Traina, Anand Subramaniam*
The lead reviewers have made [further revisions](#) to the draft procedures. The office of Research Development Services has suggested [additional revisions](#).

Action: CoR members to review both sets of revisions and suggest any additional modifications. The revised procedures will be transmitted to Research Development Services.

- B. [NSF policy](#) regarding PI status and SVSH actions

V. Campus Review Items

- A. [Proposed revisions to Merced Regulations re: Master's Degree Requirements](#)

The proposal is to reduce the minimum of units of approved courses required for a master's degree by comprehensive exam (Plan II) from 30 to 24 and, commensurately, to reduce from 24 to 20 the number of units which must be from graduate-level courses in the 200 series. No changes are proposed to the unit requirements for a master's degree by thesis (Plan I).

At the last meeting, CoR members supported the proposed revisions.

Action: CoR to review and approve the [draft memo](#). The final memo will be transmitted to the Senate Chair by his deadline of February 25.

- B. [Enrollment Strategy Committee Charge](#)

The Senate is asked, at the EVC/Provost's request, to review the charge for his proposed enrollment strategy committee.

Action: CoR to identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed via email. CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 26.

C. [Space Planning Documents](#)

The Senate is asked, at the EVC/Provost’s request, to review the “Space Allocation and Assignment: Definitions, Process and Standards” and the “The Office of Space Planning’s Role in the Faculty Hiring Process” documents.

Action: CoR to identify a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed at the February 27 CoR meeting. CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 11.

VI. **Systemwide Review Items**

A. [Proposed revisions to Senate Bylaw 336](#)

In June 2018, the California State Auditor (CSA) released an audit report entitled “The University of California Office of the President: It Must Take Steps to Address Issues With Its Response to Sexual Harassment Complaints.” The report was accepted by President Napolitano, and the Board of Regents has directed the Academic Senate to implement the CSA recommendations by July 2019. The CSA report recommends that the Academic Senate revise its bylaws (i.e., SBL 336) concerning the Committee on Privilege and Tenure procedures for handling disciplinary cases as follows:

- (a) A hearing should be required to begin no later than 60 calendar days after charges have been filed by the Chancellor, unless an extension is granted for good cause. The notion of ‘good cause’ should be defined.
- (b) A hearing committee should be required to deliver its report to the Chancellor no later than 30 calendar days after the conclusion of the hearing, and the phrase ‘conclusion of the hearing’ should be precisely defined.

Action: CoR to discuss the proposed revisions in the context of the NSF’s SVSH policy as discussed earlier in the meeting by the VCORED. The committee’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 25.

B. [Proposed Revisions to SVSH Academic Frameworks](#)

These are draft revisions to the SVSH Investigation and Adjudication Framework for Senate and Non-Senate Faculty, and the Investigation and Adjudication Framework for Staff and Non-Faculty Academic Personnel.

Action: CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer will be assigned. The lead reviewer’s comments will be discussed via email. CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, February 25.

C. [UC Transfer Guarantee Proposal](#)

The Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) was tasked to revisit the University’s transfer admission guarantee policy following UC’s entering into an MOU with

the California Community Colleges (CCCs) in spring of 2018. Senate committees are now invited to review the proposal from BOARS.

Action: CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer to be assigned. The lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the February 27 CoR meeting. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 22.

VII. Executive Session – *non-voting members of the committee, plus committee members who submitted grant proposals, will recuse from the remainder of the meeting: Miguel Carreira-Perpiñán, Anand Subramaniam, Emily Moran, and VCORED Traina.*

A. Senate Faculty Grant Proposals

CoR received 42 proposals (18 SNS, 7 SOE, 17 SSHA). Total amount of funds requested: \$273,152.84. Prior to this meeting, the CoR grants subcommittee met and discussed the criteria for the evaluation of proposals.

Action: CoR to conduct final rankings and select awardees. Awardees (together with their deans and appropriate school staff) will be notified this week, as will faculty members whose proposals were not funded.

VIII. Informational Items

- A. [COGR Survey Report](#) on Institutional Resources for Promoting Research Quality
- B. The Office of Information Technology will be undergoing its first administrative periodic review February 20--21. PROC invites participation in either, or both, of two open sessions with the review team:
- an open session for faculty on research support, on Wednesday, February 20 from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 pm. Granite Pass 170
 - an open session for faculty on instructional support, on Wednesday, February 20 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Granite Pass 170
- C. The periodic review of the Center for Humanities will occur March 4--5. Schedule is not yet determined, but the CoR chair has been invited to consult with the external review team.

IX. Upcoming Business

- A. February 27, 2019 meeting
- i. 2:30 – 3:30 pm – committee business
 - ii. 3:30 – 4:30 pm – consultation with campus Procurement staff