

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (COR)**Wednesday, February 21, 2024****1:00 – 2:30 pm**

- I. Chair’s Report – *Chair Ye* **1:00 – 1:25**
- A. February 12 UCORP meeting
 - B. February 12 Divisional Council meeting
 - C. Updates from Financial Management Task Force

- II. Consent Calendar
- A. Today’s agenda
 - B. Draft February 7 meeting minutes

Action requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar

- III. Consultation with AVC for Interdisciplinary Research & Strategic Initiatives Josh Viers **1:25 – 1:50**
AVC Viers is attending in VCR Wilson’s absence. Discussion topics TBD.

- IV. Draft Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) mission statement **1:50 – 2:00**
The Senate Chair has asked CoR to review the draft AES mission statement as provided by VCR Wilson. The draft statement is available here and was provided to CoR via email on February 15. VCR Wilson has informed UC ANR that the draft mission statement is currently undergoing Senate review.

Action: CoR will review the draft mission statement. CoR’s comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on February 21.

- V. Results of Core Facilities Survey – *Chair Ye* **2:00 – 2:05**
Responses available here. CoR members were asked via email to volunteer to review sections of the survey results and the sign-up sheet is available here.

Action: CoR will decide on a deadline by which members’ summaries are due.

- VI. Campus Review Item **2:05 – 2:10**
- A. Interim Implementing Procedures for Abusive Conduct in the Workplace
 - Procedures are available here.
 - CoR was asked for lead review volunteers on February 7 and 8. No lead reviewers were found.

The Campus Implementing Procedures are intended to implement and supplement the **University of California Policy on Abusive Conduct in the Workplace** (“Abusive

Conduct Policy” or “UC Policy”), which became effective January 1, 2023. The systemwide Abusive Conduct Policy and the CIP replace UC Merced’s previous *Policy on Prohibition of Abusive Conduct and Acts of Violence by University Employees and Non-Affiliates*, which was rescinded on January 1, 2023. All campuses are required to develop procedures and supplementary information to support the implementation of the Abusive Conduct Policy (see Abusive Conduct Policy, Section IV.A)

Action: If CoR wishes to opine, then the committee will select a lead reviewer whose comments will be discussed via email. CoR’s final comments – if any are forthcoming – are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, March 1. Otherwise, the Senate Chair will be informed that CoR declines to comment.

VII. Systemwide Review Item **2:10 – 2:15**

A. UC Regents Policy on the Use of Administrative Websites

- Policy is available here.
- CoR was asked for a lead reviewer on February 6 and February 8. No volunteers were found.

Background: This policy first appeared in another form as **Item J3** on the January 24, 2024 agenda of the joint meeting of the Regents Academic and Students Affairs Committee and the Compliance Audit Committee as an action item for adoption by the full Board. The Academic Council **expressed concerns** about the process leading to this proposed action and requested an opportunity for an expedited Senate review of the policy in time for discussion at the Regents' March 19-20 meeting. Please also see the Academic Council’s June 2022 **Recommendations for Department Political Statements**. Academic Council will hold a special meeting in March to discuss this policy.

Action: CoR’s memo - if one is forthcoming - is due to the Senate Chair by Thursday, February 22. Otherwise, the Senate Chair will be informed that CoR declines to comment.

VIII. Executive Session **2:15 – 2:30**

Voting members only

Topic: Finalizing the review rubric. The revised rubric was provided to CoR via email on February 9.

Per the emails sent by the committee analyst, completed reviews are due to the committee analyst by 10:00 am on Friday, March 1. CoR will conduct a final discussion and ranking at the March 6 CoR meeting. **The March 6 CoR meeting will be devoted to finalizing the grants and selecting awardees. This meeting will be held under executive session for voting members only. Those CoR members with conflicts of interest will recuse from the March 6 meeting. Award and decline letters will be issued by mid-March.**

IX. Upcoming Business

The Senate Office will soon issue a Call for Nominations to faculty for the annual Senate awards. CoR is responsible for reviewing the nominations for the awards for Distinguished Early Career

Research (untenured) and Distinction in Research (tenured). AY 22-23 awardees are listed here.
Please note: Once nominations are received, and per the call for nominations, the committee analyst will propose the formation of two award subcommittees from the CoR membership to review the nominations in each category. The winners of all Senate awards will be announced at the Spring Meeting of the Division in May 2024.