

**Committee on Research (COR)****Wednesday, March 13, 2019****2:30 – 4:00 pm****Location: KL 362****Documents available at UCM Box: [COR AY 18-19](#)****I. Chair's Report – *Michael Scheibner***

- A. [Division Council meeting March 4](#)
- B. [UCORP meeting March 11](#)
- C. Academic Planning Work Group updates
- D. PROC updates
  - i. PROC has discussed [CoR's policy](#) for the Establishment, Disestablishment, and Review of Core Facilities (drafted by CoR in AY 17-18 and approved by Division Council).
- E. CoR's ORU policy has been distributed for Senate review, and review by the Deans Council and ORU directors. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by Monday, April 22.

**II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. Approval of the [February 27 meeting minutes](#)

**III. Awards Subcommittee**

- A. Senate Award for [Early Career Research](#) and Senate Award for [Distinction in Research](#).

The Academic Senate annually offers nine awards. CoR is responsible for reviewing and selecting awardees for the two research-related awards. Winners of all nine Senate awards will be announced by the Senate Chair at the April 15 Meeting of the Division.

**Action:** CoR to finalize the membership of the two award subcommittees that will review the nominations for Early Career research and Distinction in Research. Awardees must be selected by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 22.

**IV. Consultation with VCORED Traina**

- A. Limited Submission Procedures - *VCORED Traina, Anand Subramaniam*

Staff in the Office of Research & Economic Development (ORED) posed questions for CoR members' consideration. In the last CoR meeting, members developed [suggestions](#) to these questions and elected to discuss them with the VCORED in today's meeting.

**Action:** CoR members to discuss their responses to ORED staff's questions. CoR's comments will be transmitted to ORED staff.

- B. UC Merced composite benefit rates for post docs
- C. [COGR Report on Institutional Resources for Promoting Research Quality](#)

**V. Future of Senate Faculty Grants Program**

CoR members to discuss the following suggestions:

- A. Collecting statements from faculty, the form of a survey, who have received these grants since 2015 similar to [CoR's previous data collection project](#).

Possible survey questions are:

- Have you applied to the faculty grants program? If no, why not?
- If you have received an award from the faculty grants program, have the funds helped advance your research program?
- Are the award sizes (\$5k per faculty up to \$20k for collaborative proposals) reasonable in your opinion?
- Should the program be offered more frequently throughout the academic year (e.g. twice, three times)
- Is the faculty grants program an effective and sufficient mechanism to obtain funds for new ideas?

- B. Gathering [data](#) on the discretionary funds/faculty grants programs from other UC campuses

- C. Gathering data on:

- the overall number of grant proposals submitted by Senate faculty each year over the past 3 years. See [data](#) collected by CoR chair.
- percentage of proposals budgeting the full indirect cost rate
- success rate
- total amount of funds the campus received from these extramural grants.

**VI. Systemwide Review Item**

- A. Proposed Revisions to Senate Regulation 636.E

The proposed revisions pertain to how UC students are allowed to satisfy the University's Entry Level Writing Requirement

**Action:** CoR to decide whether to opine. If opining, a lead reviewer to be identified. The lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the April 3 CoR meeting. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 23.

**VII. Campus Biosafety Updates (3:30 – 4:00)**

Guests: Aparupa Sengupta, Biosafety Officer and Sheryl Ireland, Director of Policy & Accountability

- A. Updates on campus biosafety

**VIII. Other Business****IX. Informational Item**

- A. Academic Council's [endorsement](#) of letters from UCORP and UCAF urging the University to take a strong stand against the ongoing politicization of research funding.