

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (COR)****Wednesday, April 12, 2023****1:30 – 3:00 pm****Zoom****I. Chair's Report – Jay Sexton 1:30 – 1:40**

- A. April 3 Divisional Council meeting
- B. April 10 UCORP meeting
- C. Reminder to CoR award subcommittees
  - a. Committee analyst sent the link to the nominations to both subcommittees on Monday, April 3. Subcommittees are asked to review the nominations in their respective categories and select one winner by **Monday, April 24**. The winners of all Senate awards will be announced at the spring Meeting of the Division.
- D. Request from ORED for the Assistant Vice Chancellor & Export Control Officer to attend CoR meetings. The Guide to Senate Committee Membership is available here. Please note the sections pertaining to guests and consultants.  
**Action:** CoR to discuss the ORED request.

**II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Today's agenda
- B. Draft minutes from March 15 meeting

**III. Presentation from [1.1 Public and Scholarly Influence of Research Planning Team](#) 1:40 – 2:10**

**Guests:** Assistant EVC/Provost Laura Martin, Planning Program Manager Sandra Cuevas-Lezama, and Leigh Bernacchi from the Center for IT Research in Interest of Society.

Presentation available here. The planning team members have two questions for CoR:

1. Are the right priorities identified and are they appropriately sequenced? If not, what does CoR recommend be changed?
2. Who should the planning teams talk to?

**IV. Composite Benefit Rate for Postdocs – Tao Ye 2:10 – 2:30**

The Composite Benefit Rate (CBR) for postdocs at UC Merced are higher than those at other UC campuses.

CBR information as provided to CoR by Graduate Council Chair Michael Scheibner is available here.

**Background:** Former Interim Vice Chancellor & Chief Financial and Administration Officer Michael Riley attended a CoR meeting in spring 2019 to update members on CBR rates for postdocs. Former Interim VC Riley announced that as of July 1, 2019, the campus would be dividing post docs from

faculty in the composite benefit rate calculations. Faculty were told to expect to see this change in the general ledgers in August or September 2019 as the modification had to be approved by the appropriate entity in the federal government. The new rate was meant to be made retroactive to July 1, 2019. (Other UC campuses also separate post docs from faculty in the composite benefit rate calculations, and UC Merced elected to do the same after analyzing the cost benefits to the campus.)

V. Update on Revisions to the Centers Policy **2:30 – 2:45**

The CoR policy subcommittee met on Monday, April 11 to begin revising the Centers policy.

Policy subcommittee members: Jay Sexton, Brad LeVeck, Mehmet Baykara, and VCR Wilson

VI. Memo from Molecular & Cell Biology Department Space Committee – *Dave Ardell* **2:45 – 2:55**

On April 5, the MCB department space committee submitted a memo (available here) to CoR and FWAFF on Research Impediments from Increasing Costs, and Disparities in Costs, of Renovating Research Spaces on Campus.

**Action:** CoR to discuss the memo.

VII. Systemwide Review Items **2:55 – 3:00**

- A. Interim Clery Act Policy-Campus Safety and Security Reporting Documents available here.

**Action:** CoR to decide whether to opine. CoR's comments, if any, are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, April 21.

- B. Presidential Policy on Inventions, Patents, and Innovation Transfer

**DivCo has named CoR the lead review committee.**

**Action:** CoR to identify a lead reviewer. CoR will discuss the lead reviewer's comments at the April 26 meeting. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, April 28.