

**Committee on Research (COR)****Wednesday, April 3, 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 April 1](#)
- B. Academic Planning Work Group updates

**II. Budget Work Group updates – *Anand Bala Subramaniam***

- A. Budget Work Group meeting March 18

**III. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of today's agenda
- B. Approval of the March 13 meeting minutes (**forthcoming**)

**IV. Consultation with VCORED Traina**

- A. UC Merced composite benefit rates for post docs

- B. [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. Campus Review Items****A. [Salary Recovery Policy](#)**

Senate committees are invited to review a draft salary recovery policy proposed by the Budget Working Group.

**CoR is a lead reviewer.**

**Action:** CoR to identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the April 17 CoR meeting. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 22.

**B. [Academic Planning Work Group Proposal](#)**

The APWG has submitted a proposal for campus review.

**Action:** CoR to identify a lead reviewer. Lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the April 17 CoR meeting. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 6.

**VII. Systemwide Review Item****A. [State Assessment Report on the UC Center Sacramento](#)**

Per President Napolitano's direction, systemwide Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs initiated an extensive assessment of the UC Center Sacramento (UCCS) in August 2018. This report was developed based on interviews with and data collected from various stakeholders, including members of the UCCS Faculty Council and Advisory Board, as well as campus and other stakeholders. The current state assessment comprises the background, activities and programs, organizational structure, financials, and competitive landscape for UCCS. The proposal for the future of UCCS, includes a vision, set of goals, and changes necessary to meet those goals.

**CoR is a lead reviewer.**

**Action:** CoR to identify a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the April 17 CoR meeting. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, May 6.

**VIII. Consultation with Director of Procurement – *Josh Dubroff* (3:20 – 4:00)**

Director of Procurement Josh Dubroff will update CoR members on improvements made to purchasing processes and address the [questions/comments](#) previously submitted by CoR members.

**IX. Other Business**