

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (COR)**Wednesday, May 15, 2024****1:00 – 2:30 pm**

I. Consultation with VCR Wilson **1:00 – 1:15**
Topics TBD

II. Consent Calendar
A. Today's agenda
B. Draft May 1 meeting minutes

Action requested: Approval of the Consent Calendar

III. Consultation with VC/CIO Nick Dugan **1:15 – 1:35**
Discussion: systemwide cybersecurity updates

IV. Proposed Establishment of a Center for Africana Studies **1:35 – 2:00**
The proposal was on the May 1 CoR agenda and was sent to CoR via email

- The proposal and the Senate Centers policy are available here.
- The lead reviewer's comments are available here.

Action: CoR will discuss the lead reviewers' comments. CoR's memo will be transmitted to the Senate Chair.

V. Consultation with EVC/Provost Dumont **2:00 – 2:20**
The following topics were submitted to EVC/Provost Dumont on May 9, 2024:

- Based on the published metrics by the Carnegie Foundation, UC Merced will likely reach R1 status in a few years. How do the potential benefits of reaching R1 status weigh against the costs, such as losing access to many funding opportunities that are earmarked for non-R1 institutions and more scrutiny of financial management and reporting from federal funding agencies? How can UC Merced proactively mitigate such impacts and maximize the benefits?
- With regard to CoR's memo of recommendations on core facilities, how to develop a budget model that makes the operation of facilities more sustainable?
- What are the potential short-term and long-term goals and solutions for graduate student funding?
- The importance of department level staffing.
- With regard to medical education, how does research benefit from UC Merced's partnership with UCSF?

VI. Chair's Report – *Chair Ye* **2:20 – 2:30**

- A. May 13 Divisional Council meeting
- B. May 13 UCORP meeting