

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (COR)**

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

1:30 – 3:00 pm

KL 232 – Chancellor's Conference Room

Documents available at: UCM Box ["COR AY 19-20"](#)**I. Chair's Report – *Michael Scheibner***

- A. Introduction of [new committee members](#)
  - i. [CoR member responsibilities](#)
- B. [Committee Conflict of Interest policy](#)
- C. Governance Retreat (Senate & Administration) August 25-26
- D. [Divisional Council meeting September 4](#)
- E. Campus and systemwide review items. COR members to discuss whether they wish to review all items distributed by Divisional Council this year, or, allow the CoR chair to only forward items relevant to COR.
- F. Updates from Vice Chancellor for Research & Economic Development (VCORED) Sam Traina. Due to scheduling conflicts, VCORED Traina – an ex-officio, non-voting member of CoR – is unable to attend meetings this semester. CoR Chair Scheibner will hold individual consultations with the VCORED and update CoR members accordingly.
- G. CoR priorities for AY 19-20
  - i. Revise the ORU policy in response to campus comments received in AY 18-19
  - ii. Continue to assist with the restructuring of the grants support
  - iii. Research productivity enhancement, especially in light of the set goal to reach R1-status:
    - Expansion of the faculty grants program
    - Research infrastructure: management, maintenance and development
    - Competitiveness
      - Do processes we engage in foster a creative/innovative, collaborative/all-engaging/inspiring and effective research environment?
      - Time for research
      - Leveraging resources and uniqueness of UC Merced
  - iv. Continue to provide input on space management/utilization

**II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Today's agenda
- B. [May 15, 2019 draft meeting minutes](#)

**Action requested:** Approval of consent calendar**III. CoR Representation on Campus Committees – *Michael Scheibner***

- A. [Periodic Review Oversight Committee](#) (PROC). A representative from COR is needed.
- B. [Library & Scholarly Communications Committee](#) (LASC). A representative from COR is needed.
- C. [Sponsored Projects Services Redesign initiative](#) VCORED Traina has empaneled an advisory board to assess and provide input on the implementation of the redesign plan.
  - i. CoR Chair Scheibner will serve on the advisory board.
  - ii. CoR member LeVeck will serve as a Subject Matter Expert to work with the Sponsored Research Services Redesign Initiative Team.

**Action:** CoR to identify one member each to serve on PROC and LASC.

IV. **Requests for Senate Representation – *Michael Scheibner***

- A. The Non-Senate Academic Council and the Librarians Association of UC Merced have each submitted a request to the Senate regarding participation on Senate committees. Requests are available [here](#).

**Action:** CoR to discuss whether to invite representatives of each body as guests on an ad hoc basis.

V. **ORU Policy Revisions**

In AY 18-19, CoR drafted a [new policy](#) for the establishment and review of ORUs. Divisional Council issued the policy for review by Senate committees, School Executive committees, ORU directors, and the Deans' Council. Comments were received in spring 2019 and are available [here](#). CoR is asked to review the comments and revise the policy accordingly.

**Action:** CoR to form a subcommittee of members to take the lead in revising the ORU policy.

VI. **Campus Review Items – *Michael Scheibner***

A. [Chemistry Major Name Change](#)

The faculty of the Chemistry and Chemical Biology department are proposing to change the name of the Chemical Sciences major and minor to: Chemistry.

**Action:** CoR to review the request and send comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Monday, September 23.

B. [Proposal for M.S. Degree in Cognitive & Information Sciences](#)

The policy by which the proposal is to be reviewed is available [here](#).

**Action:** CoR to review the proposal and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 3.

C. [Proposed Revisions to Merced Division Bylaws – LASC Membership](#)

LASC has proposed changes to its membership model. Currently, LASC membership is comprised of a chair plus volunteers from CAPRA, CoR, UGC, and GC. LASC is requesting an at-large model similar to those of other Senate committees in which the Committee on Committees appoints the members.

**Action:** CoR to review the proposed bylaw changes and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 8.

VII. **Systemwide Review Items – *Michael Scheibner***

- A. [Proposed revisions to APM 230](#) – Visiting Professional Researchers and Visiting Project Scientists  
The proposed revisions reflect changes made to comply with a stipulated agreement between the University of California and the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) in recognition of the Researchers-Academic Unit formation. On March 22, 2019, the UC and the UAW entered into an agreement to recognize the Academic Researchers United/UAW as the exclusive representative of a unit of employees as defined in the Stipulation. Pursuant to the stipulation, who qualifies as a Visitor in terms of the in-unit titles in the RA Unit has changed.

**Action:** CoR to review the proposed APM 230 revisions and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 24.

B. [Revised Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation](#)

On August 24, 2018, President Napolitano requested the convening of a workgroup to substantively revise the existing Policy and Procedures on Curation and Repatriation of Human Remains and Cultural Items. The policy pertains to the treatment and repatriation of Native American and Native Hawaiian human remains and cultural items under the University's stewardship and the University's compliance with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The most significant revisions to the existing policy are listed in a systemwide cover letter [here](#).

**Action:** CoR to review the revised policy and send any comments to the Senate Chair by 12:00 pm on Friday, September 27.

VIII. **Other Business**

IX. **Informational Item**

A. [University of California's Systemwide Restrictions on Engagements with Huawei](#)