

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH (COR)****Monday, September 14, 2020****10:00 – 11:30 am****Zoom****<https://ucmerced.zoom.us/j/2092284369>****Phone: 1-669-900-6833, Meeting ID 209 228 4369****Documents available at: UCM Box CoR AY 20-21**

- I. Chair's Report – *Kara McCloskey* **10:00 – 10:30**
- A. Welcome and introduction of members
  - B. Guide to Senate committee membership and executive session
  - C. Assigning lead reviewers to campus and systemwide review items
    - i. Reviewers will be assigned alphabetically by last name unless the reviewer has a conflict of interest. CoR's conflict of interest policy is available here.
  - D. Space prioritization for AY 20-21 (Provost's email to faculty and staff 9/8/20)  
**Discussion:** CoR members to discuss the EVC/Provost's email and provide feedback if necessary. If there are time constraints, this discussion will continue over email.
  - E. AY 20-21 CoR business
    - i. Cyberinfrastructure and Research Computing (CIRT)  
A proposal from faculty is forthcoming to establish a Core Facility within IT. The Senate policy on the establishment of Core Facilities is here. When the CIRT proposal is submitted to CoR for review, CoR will work with interim VCORED Zatz to determine what type of Core Facility is being proposed. This will determine the approval authority, i.e. CoR, interim VCORED, etc.
    - ii. Should CoR revise the Core Facilities policy to add designations, naming conventions, and specific language on approval authority?
    - iii. The annual Call for Proposals is scheduled to be issued to Senate faculty in mid-November 2020. CoR submitted two memos to the administration in July, approved by Divisional Council, one of which proposed an increase in funding to the grants program. The second memo mentioned additional internal funding as one of the potential measures to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on UC Merced's research endeavor. Both memos are available here. CoR will work with the Senate Chair on sending a reminder to the administration.  
If no additional funding is provided to the Senate faculty grants program by the EVC/Provost, CoR may consider a collaboration with interim VCORED Zatz to provide seed funding for faculty research.

- iv. Guests to invite to CoR meetings: Aparupa Sengupta, Campus Biosafety Officer, EH&S; AVC of ORED Debbie Motton (already scheduled); SPO Director Jue Sun.
- II. Consent Calendar  
**Action:** approval of today's agenda.
  - III. UC Merced Community and Labor Center **10:30 – 10:35**  
A proposal was submitted in April 2020 by a group of faculty in SSHA to establish the UC Merced Community and Labor Center as an ORU. The proposal is available [here](#). The proposal was developed using an older version of the Senate's ORU policy in fall 2019. The Senate's updated policy on the establishment of ORUs is [here](#).  
  
CoR and the interim VCORED will review the proposal to ensure that it adheres to the Senate's ORU policy. After reviewing the proposal, CoR and the interim VCORED will send it back to the proposal's authors with a list of requested revisions. CoR and the interim VCORED will then review the revised proposal.  
  
**Action:** assign two lead reviewers from CoR.
  - IV. Periodic Review Oversight Committee (PROC) **10:35 – 10:40**  
PROC's charge calls for a member of CoR to serve on the committee. This CoR representative would be asked to attend monthly PROC meetings and provide brief updates to CoR members.  
**Action:** identify a CoR representative to serve on PROC.
  - V. Consultation with Interim VCORED Marjorie Zatz **10:40 – 11:00**  
A. Baseline data on research expenditures, proposals, awards, and priorities for the year  
B. Cyberinfrastructure and Research Computing forthcoming proposal
  - VI. Consultation with APAPB Kurt Schnier **11:00 – 11:30**  
A. Updates on indirect cost return