

Committee on Research (COR)**Tuesday, January 16, 2018****10:30 am – 12:00 pm, KL 362**

Pursuant to the call, the Committee on Research met at 10:30 am on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair David C. Noelle presiding.

- I. Chair's Report
 - a. Chair Noelle updated COR members on news from the University Committee on Research Policy (UCORP).
 - i. Some members of UCORP remain concerned about the initiative to create and maintain a database of research resources, assigning a "bar code" to items used in the biomedical sciences (e.g. reagents) to perform experiments. The goal is to increase transparency and precision in the reporting of research results, allowing researchers to detail experimental methods in a way that supports replication. However, UCORP has a number of reservations about this initiative, including the proposal that the database be implemented and managed by a private company. Since UCORP did not reach a consensus concerning how to proceed, the committee recommended to the UCOP Office of Research and Graduate Studies that that office organize a workshop consisting of individuals with expertise in the appropriate areas, with the goal of formulating recommendations for a potential UC policy on this matter.
 - ii. UCORP is attempting to revive the process of five-year reviews of Multicampus Research Units (MRUs). The MRU currently under review is the Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS). The Institute, which, among other functions, provides consultation to the California Department of Transportation, is quite productive and well-funded. As part of the five-year review, the ITS leadership will be expected to justify the Institute's status as an MRU, rather than a collection of individual ORUs at the participating UC campuses.
- II. Campus Budget Working Group Updates
 - a. **Action:** Due to the absence of the COR member who is a representative on the Budget Working Group, this update will be tabled until the January 30, 2018 COR meeting.
- III. Consent Calendar
 - a. **Action:** The January 16, 2018 Agenda and the December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.
- IV. Revisions to the Evaluation Criteria for the Senate Faculty Grants
 - a. COR members continued their discussion of possible revisions to the Academic Senate Faculty Research Grants Program Call for Proposals. The committee agreed on the following: 1) remove "juniority" as a criterion, 2) "time since last award" will be the dominant criterion, 3) emphasize in the Call for Proposals the importance of PIs making

a clear case that Senate funds are imperative to support the PI's research program, 4) on proposals with multiple PIs, the committee will require 1 page of justification per PI to give each author the same opportunity to articulate how Senate funds would support his/her research program, 5) specify that COR will award one multi-PI proposal per School, and 6) include in the Call that awards will be allocated to the three Schools in proportion to the number of proposals received from each School. The committee also reaffirmed a suggestion raised in a previous meeting to remove the role of the School Executive Committees in providing a first round of review and a ranking of proposals. Finally, the Committee agreed that the analyst should maintain an historical record of revisions to the evaluation criteria, as well as the rationale behind each revision, for the benefit of future COR members.

- b. **Action:** The COR chair will conduct a final review of the draft Call for Proposals, and the analyst will distribute it to the committee membership for approval. The analyst will also confirm whether COR's suggested submission timeline of selecting awardees by the first or second week of March is sufficient, given the new payroll deadlines surrounding the recent implementation of UC Path.
- V. Research Computing Support
- a. At the November 29, 2017 meeting, COR members discussed the lack of resources for faculty research computing. It was suggested that COR issue a memo to the Budget Working Group to recommend that a portion of indirect cost return be used for research computing. Also, it was proposed that COR submit a memo to the School Reorganization Working Group with an inquiry into how staff should be allocated so as to support faculty research computing.
 - b. **Action:** Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for a future COR meeting.
- VI. Campus Review Item
- a. Proposed revisions to Section Part II, Section 4 of the Division Regulations addressing Honors.
 - i. The proposed revisions establish standards for awarding High and Highest Honors in the major. These revisions are requested by Divisional Council, following its April 24, 2017 endorsement of UGC's approval of The Proposal for an English Honors Program. At that time, Divisional Council noted that the Honors Program can be established, and students enrolled to graduate with honors, but that the program's desire to award High Honors and Highest Honors requires revisions to the Division's Regulations. Any comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13.
 - ii. **Action:** Due to time constraints, and given that the deadline for comments is not imminent, this item was tabled for the January 30, 2018 COR meeting.

- VII. Systemwide Review Items
- a. Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations.
 - i. Under the proposed policy, UC would obtain a limited license to permit electronic drafts of theses or dissertations, authored by UC graduate students, to be available in an open access repository. After a brief discussion, COR members voted unanimously to endorse the proposed policy.
 - ii. **Action:** COR's endorsement will be transmitted to the Senate Chair by the deadline of Tuesday, January 30.

 - b. Second systemwide review of the proposed, revised APM sections: 285, 210-3, 133, 740, 135 and 235 pertaining to the re-designation of the L(P)SOE series.
 - i. COR members noted that the newly-proposed revisions do not address the committee's question from last year about whether individuals in the L(P)SOE series would be allowed/required to teach graduate students. The committee members unanimously agreed to raise the same question in their response to this latest set of revisions.
 - ii. **Action:** COR's memo will be submitted to the Senate Chair by the deadline of Tuesday, January 30.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Attest: David C. Noelle, COR Chair