

Committee on Research (COR)

Minutes of Meeting

December 15, 2015

KL 362

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 1:30 pm on December 15, 2015 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair Ajay Gopinathan presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Gopinathan updated COR members on the following:

--November 30 Division Council meeting

- University Honors Task force. Division Council has some concerns over faculty workload.
- Revised Public Health bylaw 55 unit proposal. Division Council members requested clarification on particular components of the proposal.

--December 2 Meeting of the Division

- The Provost/EVC announced updates on the 2020 project and the Strategic Academic Focusing Initiative. He thanked faculty members for their input to the 2020 design teams. The Provost also provided updates on the progress of the three pillars that were identified to receive faculty FTE lines this year. He emphasized that any unfilled searches this year will carry over to next year.

II. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Wiebe updated COR members on the following:

--December 14 UCORP meeting

- The California Institutes for Science and Innovation are undergoing review. Each Institute was required to formulate a strategic plan on how it intends to engage in more cross-campus collaboration projects. UCORP was invited to opine on these strategic plans. CITRIS and the Natural Reserves System (both of which exist at UCM) are two of the entities being reviewed.
- The review of UC Mexus will begin next year. The institute has submitted its required materials.

III. Consent Calendar

ACTION: Today's agenda and the November 20 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Senate Faculty Research Grants

Prior to this meeting, and pursuant to discussion at past committee meetings, Chair Gopinathan drafted suggested revisions to the Call for Proposals. COR members agreed that there will be two categories of grants: seed funding and research acceleration. It was agreed that multiple PIs should be allowed to apply for the latter. COR members agreed that brief definitions of both types of grants should be included in the Call. After more discussion, COR members agreed on additional revisions: remove the line about this being the first year that school executive committees are included in the ranking process, add "start up balance" under the internal funding section, strengthen the instructions to the school executive committees to state that they must rank the proposals (one school last year did not send back rankings to COR), and, lastly, change the proposal submission deadline to April 1 rather than April 15 to allow faculty members time to balance the deadlines of extramural funding agencies.

ACTION: COR chair to circulate the revised draft Call for Proposals to members. COR members to respond before the start of instruction in January 2016.

V. Core Facilities

Prior to this meeting, VCORED Traina circulated a draft on the creation of core facilities and asked for COR's input. VCORED Traina stated that there is a need for additional core facilities used by more than one school and managed by his office. First, the campus must create a list of which core facilities are needed and calculate the costs for each (VCORED suggested that each facility will cost approximately \$1–2 million. Next, the campus must prioritize the top few recommended facilities. Issues to consider are how many individuals will a given facility impact, will the campus have adequate space for it, and

whether the campus has the appropriate funding mechanism. One idea is to link to the campus strategic focusing initiative with regard to NSF MRI proposals.

ACTION: Analyst to inquire with the Vice Provost for the Faculty on an MOU with Lawrence Berkeley National Lab on split appointments.

VI. Limited Submission Policy

Prior to this meeting, Chair Gopinathan revised the limited submission policy (as drafted by VCORED Traina) based on committee comments from previous meetings.

A COR member suggested that reviewer comments be shared with all applicants so that faculty members receive feedback. It was suggested that the Office of Research Development Services take the lead in sharing comments.

ACTION: COR chair to circulate the revised draft to members. COR members to respond before the start of instruction in January 2016. A final policy will be submitted to VCORED Traina for implementation.

VII. Other Business

VCORED Traina announced that a new indirect cost proposal will be submitted to UCOP in January 2016. Whichever percentage UCM is given will be applicable to grant proposals submitted after this time. The VCORED also mentioned that the UCOP position vacated by Steven Beckwith, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, has been posted and two individuals from UCM – including himself – are serving on the search committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Attest:

Ajay Gopinathan, COR Chair