

Committee on Research (CoR)
Minutes of Meeting
February 25, 2021

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 1:00 – 2:30 pm on February 25, 2021, via Zoom. Chair Kara McCloskey presiding.

- I. Consultation with EVC/Provost Camfield
 - A. Extension of AY 19-20 CoR grants

EVC/Provost Camfield announced he will allow the extension of Senate faculty grants awarded by faculty in AY 19-20. The extension will expire on June 30, 2022. The grants that CoR will award for the current academic year will also expire on June 30, 2022. There will be no extensions to the AY 20-21 awards and the award letters to faculty will state this clearly.

Action: EVC/Provost Camfield and CoR Chair McCloskey will co-sign a letter to faculty who received Senate faculty grants in AY 19-20 that states that their grants will be extended to June 30, 2022.

A faculty member asked EVC/Provost Camfield for an update on COVID-19 vaccines. EVC/Provost Camfield responded that UCM is no longer allowed to operate a closed vaccination pod (UCM employees only). It was recently decided by the state that the vaccine supply will be handled by Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Kaiser. If UCM wants its own supply of vaccines, it would have to agree to hold open vaccination pods (UCM employees plus community members). Unfortunately, the campus is not properly staffed. UC Health is challenging the state's decision. The campus administration will keep employees updated.

- II. Consultation with AVC Debbie Motton and Interim VCORED Zatz

Interim VCORED Zatz announced that she is formulating a short-term committee to develop protocols for determining when various types of in person human subjects research can be performed. She asked for a CoR member to serve on this committee.

Action: Member LeVeck will serve on the committee.

- III. Consultation with Professor Anne Kelley
 - A. Debrief on the meetings of the [Federal Demonstration Partnership](#)

The Federal Demonstration Organization is convened by the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable of the National Academies. Its purpose is to reduce the administrative burdens associated with research grants and contracts.

Professor Kelley explained that she was asked by Interim VCORED Zatz to serve as UCM's representative to the organization. The organization's goal is to formulate ways to streamline administrative tasks for researchers who receive federal grants, so the process is less burdensome. The organization is also suggesting that grant requirements should be uniform across federal funding agencies. The organization consists of one faculty representative per institution plus research administrators. The organization meets virtually three times a year in January, May, and September and over 200 institutions are represented. Subcommittees and working groups have been empaneled to address specific ways to reduce administrative burden on researchers, e.g. creating a uniform format for the bio-sketch or CV that would be accepted by all federal granting agencies. Another topic of discussion is making foreign collaboration disclosures and foreign grant money reporting uniform.

Professor Kelley asked CoR members to let her know specific things that they and their faculty colleagues find burdensome when applying for, and administering, federal grants. She will convey these concerns to the organization at the next meeting. She specified that the organization only wants to know more about how universities and institutions interact with federal granting agencies; this is not meant to be related to the grant processes at the local campus level.

- IV. Consent Calendar
 - A. Today's agenda
 - B. Approval of draft minutes from the January 28 and February 11 meetings

Action: the Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

- V. Campus Review Items
 - A. Proposal for a Minor in Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

Action: the committee analyst will follow up with the committee via email to select a lead reviewer. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 10.

B. Proposal for a Major in Writing Studies

Action: the committee analyst will follow up with the committee via email to select a lead reviewer. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 31.

VI. Systemwide Review Item

A. Universitywide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures (The "Gold Book")

These are proposed changes to the Universitywide Police Policies and Administrative Procedures, which are applicable to UC Peace Officers: "Use of Force" policy, "Body Worn Video" policy, "Systemwide Response Teams" policy, and the "Concealed Carry Weapons" policy.

Action: CoR identified a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the March 11 CoR meeting. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 19.

VII. CoR Award Subcommittees

The Call for Nominations for the annual Senate awards has been distributed to the faculty by the Senate Office. Nominations are due by March 9. CoR is responsible for reviewing the nominations for the Distinction in Research award and Early Career Research award. The names of the winners will be announced at the May 4 Meeting of the Division.

CoR needs to formulate two award subcommittees to review the nominations for each award. Adjustments will be made for any conflicts of interest. The subcommittees must select a winner for each award by Thursday, April 1.

Action: the committee analyst will formulate two award subcommittees after she receives all nominations by March 9.

VIII. Summary of Faculty Survey on Core Facilities

Chair McCloskey, Vice Chair Sexton, and member Ye presented a revised summary of the fall semester survey. CoR members suggested further edits.

Action: the committee analyst will distribute the revised survey summary to committee members for final approval. After the committee has approved, the committee analyst

will send the summary, together with the survey results, to the Senate Chair and Vice Chair.

IX. Draft Call for Instrumentation Proposals

Vice Chair Sexton and member Ye presented their draft call for instrumentation grant proposals. Funding for instrumentation grants is being provided this year by the Chancellor and EVC/Provost. (The Chancellor and EVC/Provost also provided funding for conceptualization grants. That funding will soon be allocated by Interim VCORED Zatz acting on recommendations by CoR members.)

CoR members discussed cost sharing by faculty and making it clear that this call is being issued in response to the fall 2020 faculty survey on core facilities. Members also discussed the possibility of highlighting in the call various items that were requested in the survey. Interim VCORED Zatz suggested appending the survey results to the final call.

Action: the committee analyst will distribute the updated Call for Instrumentation Grant proposals to CoR members for review and approval. ORED will issue the call to faculty next week.

X. Executive Session – voting members only
No minutes were recorded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Attest: Kara McCloskey, CoR chair