

**Committee on Research (COR)**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**  
**10:30 am – 12:00 pm, SSB 238**

Pursuant to the call, the Committee on Research met at 10:30 am on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in Room 238 of the Student Services Building, Vice Chair Roummel Marcia presiding.

- I. Chair's Report
  - a. Chair Noelle, who attended the first 30 minutes of the meeting, updated COR members on the February 20 Division Council meeting:
    - i. The Senate Chair reported that some members of the Assembly of the Academic Senate appear more optimistic about the relationship between the UC and the state legislature than was previously thought. The UC is pursuing a buy out option for the plan to increase tuition which would make the state pay for the costs. UC students are protesting at the prospect of paying more tuition for aging facilities, and there are indications that state legislators find this argument more compelling than those presented to them thus far.
    - ii. A discussion was held about how the university can help DACA students who are currently enrolled, and those who have been deported or have left the university for other reasons.
    - iii. Systemwide committees continue to discuss ways to increase faculty salary scales which lag behind faculty at comparison institutions.
    - iv. The Council endorsed the proposed Regulations on Honors in the Major, and the proposal will be submitted to the Committee on Rules and Elections (CRE). Once approved by CRE, the proposal will be added to the agenda of the April 16, 2016 Meeting of the Division for a vote of the faculty.
    - v. The Council approved the EECS CCGA proposal. The proposal will be submitted to the administration for ultimate transmittal to CCGA.
    - vi. Controversy continues to surround the implementation of the new General Education program, with all three School Executive Committees submitting memos expressing concern about resources. Schools are concerned they may not have enough ladder-rank faculty members to teach Spark seminars and that they will be pulled away from teaching courses in their own programs. Another concern is the availability of compensation for faculty teaching Spark seminars as an overload beyond the first year of implementation.
    - vii. Division Council discussed the MAD minor proposal. UGC has requested that Division Council contact the program so the faculty can be given the opportunity to respond to the memos from CAPRA, Provost, and SSHA. The program's response will be considered by UGC before a recommendation is made at the March 12 UGC meeting.

- II. Budget Working Group
  - a. COR member Scheibner announced that the February 26 Budget Working Group meeting was cancelled. He will provide an update to COR following the next scheduled Working Group meeting.
  
- III. Consent Calendar
  - a. **Action:** the February 27 Meeting Agenda and the February 13 Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.
  
- IV. Establishment and Review of Research Units
  - a. Prior to this meeting, three COR members took the lead in reviewing the Core Facilities section of the 2014 Senate policy on the establishment and review of research units.
    - i. COR members discussed in today's meeting whether the revised policy should make a distinction between Core Facilities within units/schools and campus Core Facilities. With input from VCORED Traina, COR members agreed that the Senate policy should outline the establishment and review procedures for campus Core Facilities since their funding derives from the central budget. Core Facilities within units/schools are provided funding from specifically those units or deans, so the Senate policy can simply state that those Core Facilities should follow analogous procedures
    - ii. COR members also discussed revising the policy to specify that the Chancellor or his/her delegate has the final approval authority over the establishment of new Core Facilities, so old references to the Provost/EVC in this context will be fixed.
  - b. **Action:** analyst will distribute an updated version of the Core Facilities section of the Senate research policy to the COR membership for additional input.
  
- V. Consultation with VCORED Traina
  - a. VCORED Traina updated COR members on his office's progress with regard to addressing the campus's contracts and grants process:
    - i. The Deloitte firm met with staff in the schools, ORUs, the Office of Research, deans, assistant deans, and will soon meet with a subset of the faculty. VCORED Traina charged the firm with examining the entire contracts and grants process from inception to closing. The firm also collected data from Berkeley, Davis, and Riverside on various metrics including per capita workload for staff and dollar amounts of proposals that staff work with. The firm will provide a recommendation on how to restructure the contracts and grants process and provide advice on staffing levels. VCORED Traina's goal is to implement necessary changes by July 1, 2018.
  
- VI. Campus Review Items
  - a. Proposal to establish a graduate program in Bioengineering. COR members requested a discussion of the proposal via email, as this meeting did not have quorum.
    - i. **Action:** COR members to review the proposal and send comments via email before the Senate Chair's deadline of Friday, March 9.

- b. Carry forward policy.
    - i. The members in attendance viewed the proposed policy favorably, as it creates transparency and consistency across the three Schools.
    - ii. **Action:** Due to a lack of quorum, this item will be added to the March 13 COR agenda. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by Wednesday, March 14.
  - c. Proposal to establish a graduate program in Materials and Biomaterials Science and Engineering.
    - i. **Action:** Due to a lack of quorum, this item will be added to the March 13 COR agenda. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by Monday, March 26.
  - d. Interim Policy on Expressive Activities and Assembly: Protests, Demonstrations, Non-University Speakers and Posting on Campus and in University Facilities.
    - i. **Action:** Due to a lack of quorum, this item will be added to the March 13 COR agenda. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, April 13.
- VII. Systemwide Review Item
- a. Presidential Policy on Supplement to Military Pay
    - i. The proposal provides eligible employees with supplemental payments equal to the difference between the employees' University pay and their active military duty pay for a period not to exceed the employee's tour of active military duty, until June 30, 2022, or until the separation date of an employee's University appointment, whichever comes first. Benefits provided under the Policy are subject to a two-year lifetime limit. The proposed revisions renew the current Policy for a four-year period, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022.
    - ii. **Action:** Due to a lack of quorum, this item will be added to the March 13 COR agenda. Comments are due to the Senate Chair by Monday, April 2.

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

Attest: Roummel Marcia, COR Vice Chair