

Committee on Research (CoR)
Minutes of Meeting
February 7, 2024

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 1:00 pm on February 7, 2024, in the Administration Building Room 344. Chair Tao Ye presiding.

- I. Consent Calendar
 - A. Today's agenda
 - B. Draft January 24 meeting minutes

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

- II. Consultation with VCR Wilson
Update on Financial Management and Reporting Task Force

VCR Wilson summarized that the task force consists of three subgroups around three main issues: payroll, inflow, and reporting. VCR Wilson co-chairs the reporting subgroup and CoR Chair Ye serves on the inflow subgroup. The subgroups were asked to identify metrics and resources for improvements and will be presenting at a meeting of the task force the end of February. VCR Wilson stated that the task force issued a communication to the campus recently and will send a more detailed one later in February or March.

- III. Results of Core Facilities Survey

The survey responses were shared with CoR prior to this meeting and were linked on today's agenda.

CoR members discussed how to summarize the quantitative and qualitative data in order to produce a summary of the results to share with Divisional Council and the administration. CoR Chair Ye suggested that CoR utilize the same summary method the committee used for their AY 20-21 core facilities survey. He also requested that CoR members be assigned to review a subset of core facilities on the survey results and suggested that CoR finalize its summary by mid-March.

Action: The committee analyst will send CoR members the AY 20-21 core facilities survey summaries and data. The analyst will also re-send the current survey results to the committee and ask for lead review volunteers.

IV. Systemwide Review Item

A. Proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-50: Controlled Substances Use in Research and Teaching

Linked on today's agenda were the following: proposed revisions, explanatory cover letter from UCOP, and the lead reviewer's comments.

CoR members discussed the lead reviewer's comments and generally supported them. One CoR member suggested that the memo include a reference to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Action: The committee analyst will send the revised draft memo to CoR members for approval. CoR's final memo is due to the Senate Chair by Monday, February 26.

V. Executive Session

This session was for voting members only and no minutes were recorded.

VI. Campus Review Item

A. Interim Implementing Procedures for Abusive Conduct in the Workplace

The Campus Implementing Procedures are intended to implement and supplement the University of California Policy on Abusive Conduct in the Workplace ("Abusive Conduct Policy" or "UC Policy"), which became effective January 1, 2023. The systemwide Abusive Conduct Policy and the CIP replace UC Merced's previous *Policy on Prohibition of Abusive Conduct and Acts of Violence by University Employees and Non-Affiliates*, which was rescinded on January 1, 2023. All campuses are required to develop procedures and supplementary information to support the implementation of the Abusive Conduct Policy (see Abusive Conduct Policy, Section IV.A)

A lead reviewer was requested.

Action: The committee analyst will follow up via email to obtain a lead reviewer. The lead reviewer's comments will be discussed at the February 21 meeting. CoR's final comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, March 1.

VII. Upcoming Business

The Senate Office will soon issue a Call for Nominations to faculty for the annual Senate awards. CoR is responsible for reviewing the nominations for the awards for Distinguished Early Career Research (untenured) and Distinction in Research (tenured). Once nominations are received, and as stated in the call for nominations, the committee analyst

will propose the formation of two award subcommittees from the CoR membership to review the nominations in each category. The winners of all Senate awards will be announced at the Spring Meeting of the Division in May 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Attest: Tao Ye, CoR Chair