

Committee on Research (CoR)
Minutes of Meeting
March 15, 2023

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 1:30 pm on March 15 via Zoom. Chair Jason Sexton presiding.

I. Chair's Report – *Jay Sexton*

A. Divisional Council meeting March 6

- CAPRA Chair Mitchell presented CAPRA's draft proposal for strike compensation for faculty. Divisional Council members had various suggested edits. The final proposal will be submitted to the EVC/Provost for his consideration.
- Divisional Council approved CAPRA's report on the survey it conducted of department chairs in fall 2022 on staffing.

B. UCORP meeting March 13

CoR Chair Sexton reported that much of the discussion pertained to the implications of the strike. (VCR Wilson reminded CoR that she and VPDGE Hrachian were tasked by the Chancellor and EVC/Provost to assemble a work group to assess the impact of the strike on graduate education. VCR Wilson added that the work group will also take into account the impact on undergraduate research and faculty research.)

A CoR member stated that EVC/Provost Camfield attended a recent graduate group meeting and discussed UC Merced's goal of attaining R1 status and whether Carnegie classification criteria will change given that many universities will now admit fewer graduate students.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Today's agenda

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. Campus Review Items – *Jay Sexton*

- A. School of Engineering Proposal for a B.A. Degree in Data Science and Analytics
- B. Proposal for a B.S. in Public Health
- C. Cognitive Science Honors Program Proposal
- D. Proposal for a Major and Minor in Environmental Humanities
- E. School of Natural Sciences Proposal for a B.S. Degree and Minor in Data Science and Computing

Action: The Senate Chair will be notified that CoR declines to opine on all the aforementioned proposals.

IV. Systemwide Review Items

- A. Proposed revisions to Presidential Policy BFB-BUS-43 Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management

A lead reviewer was selected.

Action: CoR will review the lead reviewer's comments via email. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, March 17.

- B. Proposed Presidential Policy Responding to Immigration Enforcement Issues Involving Patients in UC Health Facilities

A lead reviewer was selected.

Action: CoR will review the lead reviewer's comments via email. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, April 7.

V. Centers Policy

Background: In conjunction with the former VCORED and campus administrators, CoR revised and submitted the Centers policy to Divisional Council in AY 21-22. CoR received comments from Senate committees and School Executive Committees in fall semester 2022. All fall semester 2022 comments were linked on today's agenda.

CoR Chair Sexton requested that CAPRA clarify their fall 2022 comments. CAPRA's updated memo dated February 14, 2023 was linked on today's agenda.

The updated Centers policy will need to be transmitted to Divisional Council for review before the end of spring semester 2023.

Action: CoR re-formed the AY 21-22 policy subcommittee: CoR Chair Sexton and members LeVeck and Baykara. VCR Wilson will also serve on the subcommittee. The subcommittee will meet to revise the Centers policy, taking into account the feedback received during last year's campus review.

VI. Executive Session

- A. Final review of the Senate faculty research grant proposals

Recusal: CoR Vice Chair Ye

- B. Final review of the instrumentation grant proposals

Recusals: CoR Chair Sexton and member Baykara

Action: The committee analyst will send the award and decline letters to all applicants.

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

Attest: Jason Sexton, CoR Chair