

Committee on Research (CoR)
Minutes of Meeting
April 21, 2025

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 11:30 am on Monday, April 21, 2025, in room 344 of the Ruiz-Administration Building. Chair Tao Ye presiding.

I. Chair's Report – *Tao Ye*

A. Divisional Council meeting April 8

- The Chancellor provided several updates to Divisional Council, including the following:
 - UC budget cuts
 - UC legal efforts
 - Messaging to the campus about federal government updates
- Campus Counsel updated Divisional Council on the revocation and termination of visas.

B. University Committee on Research Policy meeting April 14

UC campuses continue to experience problems with Oracle. At UC Merced, SPO, IT, and DFA are working together to generate faculty financial reports. CoR Chair Ye has been involved in this collaborative effort. Assuming the testing of these reports is successful, they will be rolled out for all faculty so they and their RAs can keep track of expenses such as purchases and salaries.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Today's agenda
- B. Draft April 7 meeting minutes

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. Consultation with VCR

VCR Wilson was unable to attend today's meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. Prior to this meeting, VCR Wilson distributed a memo to CoR on the campus's investment in shared core facilities. (After this meeting, it was confirmed that CoR members would be encouraged to share the memo with their department colleagues and the Senate can also share the memo with Divisional Council. VCR Wilson will also provide a summary of her memo in the next ORED newsletter.

IV. Proposal to rename the Organized Research Unit (ORU) Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI)

UC Merced Institute for Climate Research (placeholder name)

The following documents were linked on today's agenda:

- SNRI's proposal
- Academic Senate's ORU policy
- CoR's suggested name change template/response to SNRI proposal authors

CAPRA is reviewing CoR's suggested template/response and will share their feedback with the CoR analyst by April 23.

Action: CoR will continue reviewing their response to the SNRI proposal authors.

V. Campus Review Item

A. Proposal to create a graduate program in Life & Environmental Sciences

CoR members discussed the lead reviewer's draft memo and had a minor edit.

Action: CoR will continue reviewing the draft memo. The committee analyst will transmit the final memo by Monday, April 28th.

VI. Systemwide Review Item

A. Proposed New Presidential Policy on High-Containment Research

CoR members discussed the lead reviewer's draft memo and had no edits.

Action: The committee analyst will transmit the final memo by Monday, April 28th.

VII. Other Business

AVC Andy Boyd and AVC Jonathan Lampman will join the May 5th CoR meeting to provide an update on laboratory renovations.

Action: CoR members will email any questions they have for the POPD staff to the committee analyst by Monday, April 28th. The committee analyst will send the questions to the POPD staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Attest: Tao Ye, CoR Chair