

Committee on Research (CoR)
Minutes of Meeting
May 10, 2023

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 1:30 pm on May 10 via Zoom. Chair Jason Sexton presiding.

I. Chair's Report – *Jay Sexton*

A. Divisional Council meeting May 1st

Chair Sexton reported that Divisional Council discussed the Temporary Academic Staffing (TAS) budget.

A CoR member from SoE stated that his school is discussing how to provide lab and discussion sections without an adequate number of TAs. The student credit hour model does not take into account the different types of labs and courses. Another CoR member pointed out that there is a tendency on campus to increase the workload on Senate faculty which negatively impacts their ability to do research. A CoR member mentioned hearing alternatives such as utilizing undergraduate student readers and graders. Faculty may be able to get training grants for this purpose. Chair Sexton related that EVC/Provost Camfield stated that Schools have been aware for four years that the TAS budget has to be balanced so he is confused as to why it is viewed now as an abrupt move.

B. UCORP meeting May 8th

- The executive director of the UC Natural Reserve System, Steve Monfort, gave a presentation. The Natural Reserve System is not a line item in the state budget so it is up to each UC campus to decide how much of their budget to allocate.
- Academic Council formulated a new committee about the future of graduate education. The committee will convene over the summer.

C. Revised campus-wide Honors Program proposal

The revised proposal, FAQs, and response to CoR's 2022 memo were linked on today's agenda. The revised proposal will be discussed at the May 11th Divisional Council meeting.

Action: CoR Chair Sexton asked CoR members to send him any comments that he can mention at the May 11th Divisional Council meeting.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Today's agenda
- B. April 26th draft meeting minutes

Action: The Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

III. Consultation with VCR Wilson

VCR Wilson did not attend today's meeting.

Action: The committee analyst will contact VCR Wilson after today's meeting if CoR members have any questions for her.

IV. Systemwide Review Items - *Jay Sexton*

- A. Proposed Revisions to APM 710 - Leaves of Absence/Sick Leave/Medical Leave

Linked on today's agenda were the explanatory cover letter from UCOP as well as the proposed revisions in both tracked changes and clean formats.

Action: The committee analyst will solicit a lead reviewer via email. The lead reviewer's comments should be sent to the committee analyst by Friday, May 19th. The committee analyst will distribute the lead reviewer's comments to the committee for review. CoR's final comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, June 2nd.

- B. Proposed Revisions to APM 210 - Review and Appraisal Committees

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V. Planning for AY 23-24 – *Jay Sexton*

- A. Continue revising the Centers policy in response to Senate committee comments from fall 2022.

Action: The revisions to the Centers policy will be a carryover item for the AY 23-24 CoR membership. Once CoR revises the draft policy in response to campus comments from

fall 2022, the draft policy will be transmitted to Divisional Council for another campus review.

B. Continue monitoring campus financial systems challenges

Per discussion in a previous meeting, the administration issued a response memo on March 28, 2023 in response to CoR's previous memos in 2021 and 2022 on the ongoing research infrastructure challenges.

Action: CoR Chair Sexton and Vice Chair Ye will draft a brief response to the administration's March 28, 2023 memo. The draft memo will be reviewed in fall 2023 by the AY 23-24 CoR membership. Once approved, the memo will be transmitted to Divisional Council before going to the administration.

CoR members also discussed whether to continue advocating for data infrastructure. CoR Vice Chair Ye pointed out that the campus is proposing a data warehouse or data lake but it is unclear if faculty have been consulted.

CoR Member Ardell stated that the Public and Scholarly Influence of Research Strategic Planning Team proposed in the campus budget call that the campus establish a standing oversight committee of faculty, staff, and administration to secure campus research infrastructure.

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

Attest: Jason Sexton, CoR Chair