

**Committee on Research (CoR)**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 2, 2022**

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 10:30 am – 12:00 pm on May 2, 2022 via Zoom. Chair Jason Sexton presiding.

I. Consultation with Interim CFO Kurt Schnier

Interim CFO Schnier shared updates on the various issues surrounding the Oracle financial system. He has contacted the Controller and Assistant Controller for their input and the Controller is also meeting with the SPO director. He explained that once his division receives the terms and conditions of a faculty award from Contract & Grant Administration, his staff create an account which involves multiple places that have to be activated across the module. Interim CFO Schnier is trying to mitigate the communication issues to the RAs so they have the correct information.

A CoR member pointed out that the ticket system is inefficient. For example, when trying to get a partial tax rate for capital purchases, each ticket takes two days and the subsequent action often is to request that the user make a change and resubmit the ticket which delays the process further.

CoR members and Interim CFO Schnier agreed that the piecemeal/one-off strategy to problem solving is untenable. Interim CFO Schnier suggested that the campus needs to consider the larger issue of service delivery in addition to specific problems of the Oracle financial system. A possible solution is to expand the scope of the Oracle Advisory Committee to address the larger issue of service delivery on campus and OIT strategies.

Interim CFO Schnier asked CoR members to help him prioritize a list of improvements that he can address with the administration.

II. Chair's Report – *Chair Sexton*

A. April 21 Divisional Council meeting

- Senate Chair Westerling announced that EVC/Provost Camfield issued a letter to the School deans recently regarding increased allocations for new faculty hires. Allocations are increased for household moving expenses, professional office moves, house hunting trips, and MOP Loans.
- VCSA Nies gave a presentation on the Campus and Community Safety Plan.
- LASC Chair DePrano updated Divisional Council on UCOLASC business. Academic Council recently endorsed UCOLASC's statement that asked UCOP

to permanently reinstate funding for the California Digital Library Collections budget.

- VPDUE Frey gave a presentation on the impact of remote instruction on students. The lack of engagement of students is concerning.

B. Thank you to CoR members

- a. Chair Sexton thanked CoR members for their work this academic year. CoR will continue to review items over email, e.g. Greenhouse core facilities proposal and additional systemwide and campus review items

III. Consent Calendar

A. Today's agenda

B. Draft April 18 meeting minutes

**Action:** the Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

IV. Revised Gallo School Pre-proposal

Though a discussion on the pre-proposal was not scheduled for today's agenda, a CoR member requested a brief discussion. Prior to this meeting, CoR members were revising the committee's draft memo.

**Action:** CoR's final memo on the revised pre-proposal to establish the Gallo School will be transmitted to the Senate Vice Chair by 5:00 pm today.

V. Campus Review Item – *Chair Sexton*

A. Campus-wide Honors Program proposal

Hyperlinked on today's agenda were the following documents:

- Proposal
- Committee on Rules and Elections' approval of proposed revisions to Section 4 of the Senate Regulations – Undergraduate Honors.
- MS Word version of the approved Regulation
- Comments/questions from School Executive Committees, the SSHA Curriculum Committee, as well as the faculty from the Deans' and Chairs' meetings of all three Schools. The HWPG reviewed the feedback and provided responses, available in the same document.

The lead reviewer's comments were shared with CoR prior to this meeting.

CoR discussed the lead reviewer's comments and agreed with them. CoR members did suggest adding language in the memo that recommends a strategy for a bridge to the honors program in order to make the program accessible to the students.

**Action:** the committee analyst will distribute a draft memo to CoR members for review and approval. CoR's memo is due to the UGC chair and Senate Office by Monday, May 9.

VI. Systemwide Review Item - *Chair Sexton*

A. Report of the Negotiated Salary Trial Program Phase 2 Taskforce.

Hyperlinked on today's agenda were the following documents:

- Background about this report as provided in a memo from Michael Brown, Provost/EVP for Academic Affairs.
- The Taskforce recommendations.

The lead reviewer's comments were shared with CoR prior to this meeting.

CoR members discussed the lead reviewer's comments and agreed with them.

**Action:** the committee analyst will distribute a draft memo to CoR members for review and approval. CoR's memo is due to the Senate Chair by Friday, May 27.

VII. Greenhouse Core Facility Proposal

Interim VCORED recently transmitted the Greenhouse core facility proposal to the Senate Chair. The Senate Chair requested that CoR review the proposal and provide comments before a full Senate review.

Hyperlinked on today's agenda were the following: the proposal, administrative comments, proposed budget, and the Academic Senate's policy for the establishment, disestablishment, and review of core facilities.

CoR Chair Sexton announced that he is a co-author of this proposal and therefore must recuse from leading this review due to this conflict of interest. CoR Vice Chair Ye agreed to lead the committee's review.

**Action:** CoR Vice Chair Ye will review the proposal and provide comments. CoR will discuss the proposal and the Vice Chair's comments over email.

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

Attest: Jason Sexton, CoR Chair