

Committee on Research (COR)
Minutes of Meeting
May 6, 2015

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 3:00 pm on May 6, 2015 in Room 362 of the Kolligian Library, Chair David C. Noelle presiding.

I. Chair's Report

Chair Noelle updated the COR members on the following:

--April 23 Meeting of the Division.

- The Chancellor and Provost/EVC provided updates on Project 2020 and strategic academic focusing respectively. However, there was no opportunity for subsequent questions and answers from the faculty members in attendance.
- Proposed changes to the UCM bylaws include the split of the Senate Committee on Faculty Welfare, Diversity, and Academic Freedom and the creation of the new Library and Scholarly Communication committee (the latter was a recommendation from both last year's Senate-Administration Library Working Group and COR).

--April 30 Division Council/CAPRA joint meeting.

- The Governor continues to advocate for more online courses and his budget staff continue their visits to UC campuses.
- There was a discussion about streamlining transfer: earlier this year, Provost Dorr and Chair Gilly asked campuses administrators to identify the faculty, academic administrators, and/or staff responsible for determining the pre-major preparation expected of transfers students in 21 majors. UCOP has begun to convene groups of campus representatives from ten majors beginning with Life Sciences. The goal is for the UC to establish agreements for ten transfer pathways by fall 2015, with ten more the following year.
- The Vice Chancellor for Planning & Budget, who provided updates on Project 2020 with various members of his staff, announced that faculty members' input will be sought this summer on the RFP documents.
- The review of General Education will continue this summer in the form of a planning retreat.

- All Senate committees have completed their reviews of the proposal to establish a major in GASP and Division Council will inform SSHA that more clarification is needed on several components of the proposal.
- Council members discussed whether future Senate Chairs should have a two-year term instead of one.
- A discussion occurred on the Provost/EVC's ladder-rank faculty hiring plan and Senate committees wish to opine from their own perspectives.

II. Consent Calendar

ACTION: The April 22 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

III. Campus Review Item

UCM's Review under the WSCUC Standards. UC Merced initiated its efforts to re-affirm accreditation by WSCUC which will conclude with an Accreditation Visit in spring 2018 and, in June 2018, the WSCUC Commission decision to re-affirm accreditation for a period of 6, 8 or 10 years. The first step in the Institutional Review Process for re-affirmation is to complete, as an institution, the *Review under the WSCUC Standards*. All Senate standing committees are asked to review.

ACTION: The Senate chair will be informed that COR has no comments.

IV. Senate Faculty Grants

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to COR members sorting the rankings of the faculty grant proposals received from the school executive committees.

ACTION: Notice of awards and decline to fund will be emailed to faculty members at the end of this week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Attest: David C. Noelle, COR Chair

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