

**Committee on Research (CoR)**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**September 21, 2022**

Pursuant to call, the Committee on Research met at 9:30 am on September 21 via Zoom. Chair Jason Sexton presiding.

- I. Chair's Report – *Chair Sexton*
  - A. Divisional Council meeting September 20
    - Discussion of DivCo's Conflict of Interest policy. The discussion is ongoing.
    - Departments are not provided with funds to cover the cost of course releases.
  - B. Meeting with Interim VC Schnier on Oracle Advisory Committee September 15  
CoR Chair Sexton conveyed CoR's concerns that faculty members on the Oracle Advisory Committee believe they are not being afforded the opportunity to provide input; rather, the meetings mostly consist of updates. CoR Chair Sexton stated that Interim VC/CFO Schnier was receptive to this feedback and will try to restructure the meetings.
  - C. MacKenzie Scott gift – Senate spending plan
    - i. CoR to discuss how to allocate the funds for faculty and student professional development and instrumentation.  
CoR Chair Sexton summarized the MacKenzie Scott gift spending plan which was previously shared with CoR members and linked on today's agenda. With regard to the funds for faculty and student professional development,  
  
**Action:** CoR Chair Sexton will suggest at DivCo that the Senate committees listed in the plan (UGC, GC, FWAFF, etc.) each draft their own call for proposals for the allocation of student and faculty professional development funds. He will also suggest to DivCo that CoR will manage the call for proposals for the annual Senate faculty grants program and a call for proposals for instrumentation. At the next CoR meeting, the committee will begin to revise the annual call for proposals for the Senate faculty grants program and the previous call for instrumentation grants (and rubric) that CoR used in conjunction with the Interim VCORED in a previous academic year.
- II. Consent Calendar
  - A. Today's agenda
  - B. Draft September 7 meeting minutes

- C. CoR's Conflict of Interest Policy. Members were asked to review the Conflict of Interest policy in advance of the meeting and be prepared to either suggest revisions or endorse the policy as presented.

**Action:** The Consent Calendar was approved as presented. The committee analyst will note today's date on the Conflict of Interest policy as reviewed and approved as presented, upload to the Senate website, and transmit to Senate Chair and Senate office.

### III. Campus Review Item

- A. Interim Procedure on Assurance of Laboratory Safety Compliance

The lead reviewer's comments were linked on today's agenda.

CoR members agreed with the lead reviewer's comments and suggested additional points.

**Action:** The committee analyst will distribute a draft memo for the committee's review and approval. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Monday, October 3.

### IV. Systemwide Review Items

- A. Second Systemwide Review of Draft Presidential Policy -- Abusive Conduct in the Workplace

The lead reviewer requested more time to review. His comments are forthcoming.

**Action:** Once the lead reviewer completes his review, the committee analyst will send his comments to the committee for review and approval. CoR's comments are due to the Senate Chair by Friday, September 30.

- B. Second Systemwide Review of Proposed Revisions to APM 025 (Conflict of Commitment and Outside Activities of Faculty Members) and APM 671 (Conflict of Commitment and Outside Activities of Health Sciences Compensation Plan Participants)

The lead reviewer examined the proposed revisions and suggested that CoR does not need to comment in this second round of review. CoR members agreed.

**Action:** The committee analyst will inform the Senate Chair that CoR declines to comment.

**V. Consultation with Interim VCORED Marjorie Zatz**

At the last CoR meeting, members requested that Interim VCORED Zatz provide her final thoughts to CoR at today's meeting given her impending transition out of the VCORED role in October.

Interim VCORED Zatz provided the below summary of her achievements while serving as Interim VCORED and stated that she will continue to attend CoR meetings throughout October with new VCORED Gillian Wilson.

- Interim VCORED Zatz has enjoyed working with CoR and thanked them for their partnership these past several years.
- She appreciates everyone's work to keep research going safely during the pandemic.
- She acknowledged the ongoing issues with Oracle.
- She oversaw the centralization of SPO and CGA.
- Research expenditures have been increasing rapidly.
- New Tableau tool to view proposals and awards by PI will allow users to search proposals by PI, department, School, and other categories. Sorting by co-PIs is not yet possible.
- Several UCM faculty members have won NSF CAREER awards.
- The Community and Labor Center became UCM's third ORU.
- Greenhouse Core Facility was approved by the Senate
- The policy for the establishment and review of Centers is under Senate review
- Lab Safety Day is next week
- Senate-Administration Research Safety Advisory Committee was created last year and needs to be populated so it can begin meeting.
- Faculty moves into the BSP building are progressing
- UCM's ANR status should be announced by November
- Interim VCORED Zatz initiated the Research Data Protection Working Group
- Interim VCORED Zatz advised faculty to ensure they are compliant with federal law and funding agencies with regard to foreign research collaborations.

CoR members thanked Interim VCORED Zatz for her work these past several years.

Interim VCORED Zatz emphasized the need for more aggressive marketing of UCM's research strengths in order to recruit more graduate students. The campus also encourages the undergraduate students to stay for graduate studies. Interim VCORED Zatz stated that she has asked DivCo for assistance in identifying UCM's areas of research strength.

Interim VCOREZ Zatz stated that when she begins her temporary role as Special Assistant to the Chancellor, she will seek to establish an office for honorifics and will continue working on research opportunities for UC faculty and Mexican universities in connection with UC Alianza.

A CoR member pointed out that the pre-award process for supplements is still problematic and time-consuming with SPO. Interim VCORED Zatz will contact SPO to try to resolve the issue. A CoR member asked if the campus could advocate for more expanded bus service to accommodate students who conduct experiments on campus at night and on the weekends. Many students cannot afford to buy a car and the current public transportation system is limited.

Interim VCORED Zatz stated that the Senate-Administration Research Safety Advisory Committee, which was created last year, needs to be populated for AY 22-23.

**Action:** Due to time constraints, the committee analyst will follow up via email.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Attest: Jason Sexton, CoR Chair