**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**
**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION**
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## To be received and placed on file:

## Overview:

During the 2017-2018 academic year, the Committee on Research (CoR) met eight times. The Committee reviewed and readopted the prior year's Conflict of Interest Statement.

## Review Items:

*Draft WASC Institutional Report* – The committee on Research reviewed the WASC report and the committee felt that it is clear, impassioned mean while maintaining a sense of self-awarness about weakness but at the same time highlighting a strong commitment to UCR's mission. The committee also noted several typos and felt that the Vice Chancellor of Diversity and Inclusion should be included in the report. The committee also felt that noting the college differences between completion rates would be useful to have. Overall, the committee supports the report.

*Sustainability Ad Hoc* – The Committee on Research reviewed the Sustainability Ad Hoc reports and supports the implementation but felt that there should not be another online training course. Members acknowledged the need to educate students about sustainability and felt the certificate mentioned in the report would be a great way to support students looking to build a career in sustainability. Integrating sustainability issues within the existing curriculum could be considered.

*Open Access 2020 (OA2020)* – The Committee on Research reviewed the Open access 2020 proposal. The committee was overall supportive of the proposal but there was a concern that it could become an extra expense for faculty grants and suggests a more concrete statement be added to ensure it does not happen.

*Cluster Hiring Initiative: Status and Future Plans* - The Committee on Research reviewed the Cluster Hiring Initiative proposal. After reviewing and discussing the three proposed models, the committee preferred model 3, if the following clarifications are addressed satisfactorily. Model 3 provides flexibility by "redirecting the resources to initiatives that may or may not be focused on growing the faculty"; however, it is not clear who makes this decision. CoR supports this model only under the condition that this decision is made by the department(s) involved. Furthermore, model 3 would need to be more specific on whether or not the department retains the available resources, even if they opt out of a faculty growth plan. How would the available funds be divided between departments if a particular opt-out faculty line was a possible fit to multiple departments? Finally, model 3 requires language stating that the department's future hiring plans are not jeopardized if the department chooses a growth plan.

*Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations* – The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed presidential policy on Open access for these and Dissertations and were in support of the policy with two stipulations. One being that the time delay before a theses or dissertation is published is allowed to be more flexible and at the discretion of the owner to determine the length of the delay. Additionally, the committee wanted to ensure that principal investigators are not responsible for any cost related to the policy.

*Second Systemwide Review: Proposed Revised APM sections: 285, 210-3, 133, 740, 135, and 235* – The committee reviewed the apm revisions and supports the changes

*UCR 5-Year Planning Perspectives 2018-2023* – The Committee on Research reviewed the UCR 5-Year Planning Perspectives 2018-2023 document. The committee felt that the table required additional supporting documents or information to clarify both the information in the table and the purpose of our review.

*Proposed Presidential Policy on Disclosure of Financial Interest and Management of COI in Private Sponsors of Research and Revised APM – 028* – The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed policy and felt that a summary of changes was needed before making any comments.

*Course scheduling policy workgroup report* – The Committee on Research reviewed the Course Scheduling policy workgroup report and has no comments

*Medical and Health Humanities Minor* – The Committee on Research reviewed the Medical and Health Humanities Minor and has no comments.

## Research Support Survey

The Committee on Research facilitated via R'Senate a Research support survey. The survey was aimed at getting information about research space and a review of UCR's research support services. The survey was broken down into two parts. Section one focused on office and lab space and the second section was focused on reviewing service centers around campus. There were 296 respondents. The committee worked to generate a report and sent it out to campus.

## Grant Applications

CoR's primary activity is to administer intramural grant competitions. The committee further clarified the applications guidelines and spending limitations.

Research Grant Applications received for 2018-2019 funding included:
    Total Applications: 547
    Total Funded Applications: 476

    Grant Type + Scoring Breakdown: (Total Funded / Total Received)
    - Omnibus (337/363)
        o Travel Only = (263/287)
        o Research and Travel = (77/100)
            ▪ Score 3 awarded $1700 (19)
            ▪ Score 2.5 awarded $1400 (37)
            ▪ Score 2 awarded $1100 (21)
    - CoR (29/57)
        o Score 5 awarded $6000 (4)
        o Score 4.5 awarded $5000 (12)
        o Score 4 awarded $4500 (13)
    - Regent Faculty Fellowship (20/34)
        o Score 5 awarded $4000 (3)
        o Score 4.5 awarded $3250 (11)
        o Score 4 awarded $2750 (6)

- Regent Faculty Development (14/25)
  - Score 5 awarded $4000 (2)
  - Score 4.5 awarded $3250 (8)
  - Score 4 awarded $2750 (4)

Funding Percentage: Total Funded Applications for College / Total Submitted Applications for College)

| College | RTA - Accept % | CoR - Accept % | RFD - Accept % | RFF - Accept % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CHASS | 77% (58/75) | 57% (13/23) | 56% (5/9) | 50% (3/6) |
| SOBA | 33% (1/3) | 0% (0/0) | 100% (1/1) | 50% (1/2) |
| GSOE | 0% (0/0) | 0% (0/0) | 0% (0/0) | 100% (1/1) |
| CNAS | 75% (15/20) | 44% (8/18) | 63% (5/8) | 60% (9/15) |
| BCOE | 100% (2/2) | 50% (4/8) | 33% (2/6) | 56% (5/9) |
| SOM | 0% (0/0) | 67% (2/3) | 100% (1/1) | 0% (0/0) |
| SPP | 0% (0/0) | 100% (2) | 0% (0/0) | 100% (1/1) |
| Overall (17-18) | 76% (76/100) | 50% (29/57) | 56% (14/25) | 58% (20/34) |
| Overall (16-17) | 74% (74/100) | 48% (26/54) | 59% (13/22) | 48% (26/43) |

College Funding Percentage: Total Funded Applications for College / Total Funded Applications for Grant Type)

| College | RTA | CoR | RFD | RFF |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| CHASS | 76% | 45% | 36% | 15% |
| SOBA | 1% | 0% | 7% | 5% |
| GSOE | 0% | 0% | 0% | 5% |
| CNAS | 20% | 28% | 36% | 45% |
| BCOE | 3% | 14% | 14% | 25% |
| SOM | 0% | 6% | 7% | 0% |
| SPP | 0% | 7% | 0% | 5% |

Total Research funds awarded for 2017-18 was $638,000.The committee was originally unable to award CoR 4 and RTA 2 but the Provost provided an additional, permanent increase to the Senate's Research budget which allowed the committee to fund the same scoring tiers as previous years. The committee received numerous suggestions regarding the funding process and will be passing on those suggestions to next years' committee.

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