

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION  
DECEMBER 3, 2019**

**To be received and placed on file:**

**Overview:**

During the 2018-2019 academic year, the Committee on Research (CoR) met seven times. The Committee reviewed and readopted the prior year's Conflict of Interest Statement.

**Review Items and Other Consultation:**

*Summary White Paper RUSD STEM High School:* The Committee on Research reviewed the summary white paper on RUSD STEM High school. The committee supports the proposal under the condition that no research space is lost as a result.

*Proposed Revised Presidential Policy on Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment:* The Committee on Research reviewed the revised presidential policy and supports the changes.

*Proposed UCR Long Term Academic Calendar:* The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed UCR long term Academic Calendar and felt the proposal is outside their purview.

*Second Systemwide Review of Proposed Presidential Policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertation:* The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed presidential policy on Open Access for Theses and Dissertations. The committee noted that under the "Approval of Extended Embargo Period" section stating "upon receiving a letter of request from the dissertation chair or other appropriate authority overseeing the thesis or dissertation at issue, such as a Principal Investigator (P1)" that the graduate student should also be included and allowed to request extension of the embargo.

*Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 336:* The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed revisions to Senate bylaw 336. While the committee agrees that timely responses to charges are necessary, the committee has several concerns: 1) if the deadlines are compatible with current operating procedures of appropriate Academic Senate committees, as already noted by Chairs of these committees, b) if proposed revisions are in compliance with confidentiality rules that already exist, and c) the ambiguity of the actions and consequences in the instances where the hard deadlines are not met.

*Proposed UC Transfer Admission Guarantee:* The Committee on Research reviewed the UC Transfer Admission Guarantee proposal and had no comments.

*Proposed Revisions to SVSH Academic Frameworks:* The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed revision to the SVSH Academic Frameworks and had no comments.

*2 Round- Medical and Health Humanities Minor:* The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed second round medical and health humanities minor proposal. The committee had no comments and supports the proposal.

*Research Grant Program Office – Current State Assessment Report:* The Committee on Research reviewed the Research Grant Program Office current State Assessment and felt that the information provided was too broad to provide meaningful feedback.

*UCR Strategic Plan:* The Committee on Research discussed ideas for the new UCR strategic plan. Key areas of emphasis the committee discussed were space / building needs, graduate student support, grant support programs, increased focus on research space, and more intramural funding for research opportunities (CoR would like to continue and increase providing grant support via yearly grant applications).

Specific comments and suggestions:

1. To accommodate expected and desired student growth (35000 in 2035), space is needed. UCR already has deficiency in educational and research space, and prior to student population increase, these deficiencies need to be addressed.
2. Online classes should be used only when conducive for student learning, and not as an answer to the lack of space. Academic Senate Committees, especially Faculty Welfare and Educational Policy should be included in the discussion on online education.
3. To accommodate undergraduate student population growth, graduate students population should increase even more in proportion, in order to provide teaching assistants; to facilitate this growth more support for graduate education is needed.
4. Faculty and research space growth should accompany increased student population.

### **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 2019-2020 funding included:

Total Applications: 482

Total Funded Applications: 430

Grant Type + Scoring Breakdown: (Total Funded / Total Received)

- Omnibus (346/373)
  - o Travel Only = (263/282)
  - o Research and Travel = (83/91)\*
    - Score 3 awarded \$1800 (29)
    - Score 2.5 awarded \$1400 (34)
    - Score 2 awarded \$1100 (14)
    - Score 1.5 awarded \$900 (10)
    - Score 1 awarded \$900 (4)
- CoR (45/57)
  - o Score 5 awarded \$6000 (8)
  - o Score 4.5 awarded \$5000 (11)
  - o Score 4 awarded \$3500 (10)
  - o Score 3.5 awarded \$2500 (12)
  - o Score 3 awarded \$2000 (4)
- Regent Faculty Fellowship (25/33)
  - o Score 5 awarded \$6000 (5)
  - o Score 4.5 awarded \$5000 (6)

- Score 4 awarded \$3500 (4)
- Score 3.5 awarded \$2000 (8)
- Score 3 award \$1500 (2)
- Regent Faculty Development (14/19)
  - Score 5 awarded \$6000 (1)
  - Score 4.5 awarded \$5000 (4)
  - Score 4 awarded \$3500 (6)
  - Score 3.5 awarded \$2000 (3)

\*Omnibus recipients who receive a grant of \$5000 or more don't receive the travel funding

Total Research funds awarded for 2018-19 was \$675,100.

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