

**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Research**  
**March 11, 2014**

**Present:** Judith Habicht Mauche (chair), Pranav Anand, Sharon Daniel, Yat Li (via phone), Jason Nielsen, Paul Roth, Matt Wagers, Steve Whittaker, Fitnat Yildiz, Matt Robinson (Committee Analyst)

**Chair's Announcements**

Chair Habicht-Mauche reported that at UCORP meeting expansion of the Open Access policy beyond Senate faculty to include graduate students was discussed. COR also discussed archiving and access to data that results from faculty research. It was noted that data sharing practices among disciplines varies, and not all faculty would participate. But in those fields that do share, there are not specific guidelines about creating access, indexing, or discoverability. Some of the services require a fee. It is not clear what the funding model for this would be. COR will convey these concerns to the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communications.

The Chair also reported that UC President Napolitano has asked the campus Vice Chancellors of Research to come up with grand challenges or big initiatives so that UC can go for larger grants.

**2014-15 FRG/SRG**

The committee reviewed the final allocations, feedback for individual applicants arising from the adjudication meeting, and the draft award denial message for FRGs and SRGs for 2014-15.

**Outstanding Dissertation Award Proposal**

The committee reviewed Graduate Council's correspondence and amended proposal for the creation of a Dissertation Awards. GC advocates for a more lengthy 10 page proposal, but COR considers 2-3 pages sufficient to nominate a dissertation. With a few minor revisions, COR finalized the draft.

**COR Review of Pre-proposals for NSF**

At the request of the VCR, COR agreed to review pre-proposals for the NSF Sustainability Research Network Competition. Including COR in the review is about increasing transparency in the process for sending applications off campus. It is not intended that COR will review the content in terms of the quality of the science, but is about creating a more open process and advising the VCR on the quality and thoroughness of the applications. It will also enable COR to be in the loop about activity around these types of grants around campus.

The committee also briefly discussed the timing of the release of the call, which is late in the year. COR will raise this with VCR Brandt and also ask him for a report on who was chosen to move forward and why.

**Review of the Portfolio Research Group Report**

UCORP has requested that the divisional CORs review the report produced by the Portfolio Research Group (PRG). The PGR was formed to review the research portfolio of the system wide Office of Research. PRG has made recommendations for system wide programs that should be cut and those that should continue to receive system wide funding, and which should move to campus support. Chair Habicht-Mauche provided the background that budget cuts to the system

wide Office of Research affected that unit's funding of Multi-Campus Research Units, causing the Office to try to push more to campus based structures that support research. UCSC is involved in several projects that receive system wide support; CALISIs, UCO and MEXUS.

COR noted that the data PRG used to make its recommendations is unclear and the reports tone about the cuts to MRPIs is too accepting. Relevant to this campus, there is a recommendation that any funds saved from the closure of Lick should be retained by UCO.

**Divisional Responses to COR's UOF Inquiry**

All five divisional deans responded to COR's fall 2013 inquiry for a five year report on their use of University Opportunity Funds (UOF). The previous year's COR made a commitment to understand the deans use of UOF and report back to the Senate. COR will follow up at its first spring meeting with a review of the divisional reports and determine then what action will follow.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm