

MINUTES
Committee on Research
March 12, 2013

Present: Scott Oliver (chair), Nathaniel Deutsch, David Koo, Debra Lewis, Deborah Letourneau, Barbara Rogoff, Andrew Smith (GSA), Mary-Beth Harhen (Senate Director), Matt Robinson (Committee Analyst)

Absent with Notice: Elisabeth Cameron, Sri Kurniawan, Fitnat Yildiz

Committee Business

Chair Oliver provided a brief update from the January 29th Senate Executive Committee (SEC) meeting. Much of the meeting was spent discussing the low international and out-of-state undergraduate enrollments at UCSC and possible plans to increase the numbers of both on campus.

Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Galloway announced that the external review of the Office of Research (OR) has been postponed until next year. Chair Oliver asked the EVC about running a secondary stakeholder survey to gather meaningful data on the operations of OR on campus. COR discussed the merits of organizing focus groups for principal investigators (PIs). The focus groups would address the three main areas of the Office of Research: Office for Management of Intellectual Property (OMIP); Office of Research Compliance Administration (ORCA); and the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP). These focus groups ought to be composed of faculty from varied divisions and disciplines. COR will take up the project of OR review focus groups in the spring quarter.

Chair Oliver briefly updated the committee on the UCORP meeting of March 11 that took place in Sacramento. UCORP met with staff members from the California state legislator including the Department of Finance and a staffer for California Governor Jerry Brown. The meeting was constructive and informed Sacramento about research and teaching in the UC system. UCORP agreed these meeting should take place often, potentially once per year. From UCORP business, proposed changes to the Compendium regarding MRUs will come to the Senate for review.

The minutes from the February 12, 2013 and February 26, 2013 COR meetings were approved as written.

Chair Oliver's Visit to COLASC

Chair Oliver consulted with the Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) on March 5. COLASC Chair Roberto Manduchi explained that UCOLASC will be revisiting the proposed Open Access Policy in light of the mostly negative responses from the fall quarter Senate review.

Currently, the library is running the UCSC Open Access Fund Pilot. This is a small pot of money that faculty can use to cover open access publication costs when required by the journal. Awards are currently capped at \$3,000. COLASC has asked COR to take over the administration of the fund, but COR members agreed that adjudication of open access

publication applications from COR would not serve any purpose at this point. This aspect could be revisited if the amount of money becomes significant in the future with anticipated rising “Article Publication Fees” (APFs).

COLASC also asked to place a “library support tax” on COR grants, funneling some of CORs awards to library support. COR members disagreed with this proposal, citing the depleted COR budget due to budget cuts over the last five years. COR supports the reversal of the library budget cuts, but COR can’t be a source for these funds. Chair Oliver urged COLASC and UCOLASC to meet with administration on campus and at UCOP. The library budget needs to be maintained if not returned to previous levels since access to the literature is paramount to UC researchers and its status as a world class university system.

Post-Consultation Discussion for the Divisional Deans

Throughout the fall and spring quarters, COR met with all five Divisional Deans to discuss research priorities and infrastructure. The committee discussed the common themes from these five consultations. One priority for each Dean ought to be the upkeep of their divisional research webpage, including an up-to-date list and description of research centers and collaborations. The Arts and Humanities Divisions currently have up-to-date and helpful research webpages. COR recommended that the Physical & Biological Sciences Division, the Social Sciences Division, and the School of Engineering consult the Arts and Humanities websites. Post-consultation memos will soon be sent to each Dean with recommendations for follow-up.

COR also discussed the November 6, 2012 consultation with EVC Galloway. With the hiring of a new Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR), there may be an opportunity to revisit the formula for the distribution of overhead funds that currently make up 100% of COR’s operating budget.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm