

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
MINUTES
February 7, 2017**

Present: Steve Whittaker (*chair*), Karen Bassi, Grace Peña Delgado, Fernando Leiva, Longzhi Lin, Todd Lowe, Daniel Oliver (GSR), Scott Brandt (Vice Chancellor for Research)

Absent: Daniel Costa, Gustavo Vasquez, Ahmet Ali Yanik

Announcement

The committee learned that the university opportunity fund and education fund allocation for COR's grant program has decreased based on federal indirect cost receipt changes. Members agreed they will draft a correspondence to the Interim CP/EVC to make an argument against the decreased funding by calling attention to the successful grants that have led to published research or larger scale grants.

Standing Guest, Vice Chancellor for Research Scott Brant

VCR Brant shared with the committee the office's winter quarter priorities. They are reorganizing the research development unit staff personnel (split funding for grant writers) and moving these position into to the divisions where they will be split funded as grant writers. The Office for Sponsored Projects (OSP) be centralize, sharing the same office space at the research building on Delaware Street. OSP has updated their deadlines for proposals as part of their initiative to improve the grant review process. All research funds that come to the institution will now need to go through OSP, there has been a large workload impacts due to awarded grant processing issues. The Office for Research has acquired a grant database called GrantForward to assist faculty with searching for funding grant opportunities.

The Office is are revising the Center of Excellence's proposal based on the Interim CP/EVC and Academic Senate committees feedback and comments. The Institute of Marine Science's five-year organized research unit review is currently in the Division of Physical & Biological Science for the dean's review. OR is working with the Risk Service unit to draft a field study policy. A member inquired if VCR Brant had any information about research funding in the new Trump administration. He responded that that no one knows for certain what will happen, although, the Research Development Director Audrey Levine used to work at the Environmental Protection Agency and she has conveyed her trust in the bureaucracy of the federal government and believes the funding level will not deviate too much from previous levels.

Research Grant Adjudication

COR began adjudicating faculty research grant applications for 2017-18.