

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
MINUTES
January 16, 2018**

Present: Dejan Milutinović (*chair*), Marilou Sison-Mangus, Ben Storm, Peter Limbrick, Charles Hedrick, Jose Renau, Alex McDaniel (GSR)

Absent: James Doucet-Battle, Marilou Sison-Mangus, Ahmet Ali Yanik, Victoria Auerbuch Stone (W,S)

Announcements

Chair Milutinović informed members that the Graduate Council (GC) invited COR to collaborate on a letter to the Office of Research (OR) regarding the grant submission process for graduate students. The committee will discuss at a future meeting.

Standing Guest - Vice Chancellor of Research Brandt

VCR Brandt provided an update on the search for two research development staff to be split funded with the Division of Physical & Biological Sciences, there is a similar staffing structure in the Division of Arts & Humanities. They would like to create an infrastructure for larger grant proposal with research development staff on campus and Office of Sponsored Projects staff centralize as the Scotts Valley location.

He also shared that the CP/EVC is reviewing the revised Center of Excellence's (CoE) proposal and asked COR for informal feedback. COR iterated concerns regarding the unclear proposal submission process to the Office of Sponsored Projects and the need for clear guidelines and procedures for faculty submissions. COR will continue to provide feedback as necessary as this proposal moves forward.

VCR Brandt asked the committee for informal feedback on whether or not recharges should be used for the events held at UCSC's Silicon Valley location. Members discussed the various recharge practices on campus and noted it seemed reasonable. The Chair noted that for formal committee review it would be best to provide the request in writing for the committee to respond.

Request for Comments on Strategic Academic Planning

The committee reviewed the request from AVPAA Martin Bergin request for comments and feedback to inform the campus' strategic academic planning. They stressed the importance of research in all forms on campus, across all disciplines and media, and in both its pure and applied forms. Members agreed to include general concerns about the consultant, internal boundaries, and research impediments in the committee's formal response to the proposal.

Complete Adjudicating New Faculty Research Grant (NFRG)

In the fall, the committee requested additional follow up information and an updated budget from each applicant. COR reviewed the responses and determined which proposal to fund fully or partially. The committee will draft the award letters and send to faculty before the next meeting.