

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
MINUTES
October 31, 2017**

Present: Dejan Milutinović (*chair*), Jose Renau, Marilou Sison-Mangus, Peter Limbrick, Charles Hedrick, Ahmet Ali Yanik, Alex McDaniel (GSR), Scott Brandt

Absent: James Doucet-Battle, Jennifer Gonzalez, Victoria Auerbuch Stone (W,S), Ben Storm

Announcements and Members Items

Chair Milutinovic informed members that there has been a request from the UC Librarian for a standing Library guest representative on the committee. COR decided to extend a guest invitation to learn more about their interest in serving as a representative, to help determine whether to grant this request.

Standing Guest, VCR Scott Brandt's Office of Research Introduction

VCR Brandt shared that the Office of Research has office focus on compliance: Office of Sponsored Projects and OR Research Compliance, as well as the newly created research units: Industry Alliance & Tech Commercialization and Research Development which will be more proactive in areas such as finding funding sources, research development, and trainings for proposals.

He informed members that last year's Centers of Excellence Proposal (CoE) goal is to help facilitate larger grants at UCSC, and encourage cross campus research collaboration. The committee is interested in assisting with the creation of the overall structure for the CoE.

The Institute of Marine Sciences five-year review found that the budget for this project needs a thorough review. Much of the funding is tied to the building that the many agencies within this project occupy. OR is hoping to help bring these agencies together to form a more cohesive strategic vision for the Institute.

New Intellectual Property Campus Policies Proposal

The committee discussed the newly proposed intellectual property policy from Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Mohamed Abousalem to create a new campus policy defining the distributions of royalties from patents, copyrights and tangible research products. One member noted that the proposed policy sounded reasonable, but the majority of member would like more information and examples that will help the faculty envision the impact of the proposed policy. The committee suggested a longer period of time for the creation and review of the policy by all the interested parties, since the campus has never had a policy on the matter, the committee questions the urgency in its review.

It seems that the main goal of the proposed policy is to distribute the royalties to the IATC unit of the Office of Research to “partially fund increasing operational costs of research-related activities”, which raises the question if it may be better that royalties are distributed at an organizational level that has enough funding to fully support research activities. However, this and similar accounting questions may be more appropriate for a discussion by the Committee on Budget and Planning.

The proposal did not seem to make a compelling case for the policy by promising to support “research-related activities” without specific examples of ongoing or recent years’ activities. For example, it is not clear what percentage of the proposed 15% Research portion will be reserved to inventor’s research

activities. Inventor's research that is already proven to be successful should be supported. Members would like to have more data to evaluate the impact of a distribution of royalties on the value and quality of the research-related activities, as well as their accessibility to the campus research community. It would be helpful if the IATC unit would organize a series of research related activities as an illustration of the long term plans for the proposed funding and so that the impact of the royalty distribution can be evaluated based on data from our campus. The committee would like to work with the Office of Research and the IATC unit on a policy regarding the distribution of royalties coming from patents, copyrights and tangible research products.

COR's Faculty Research Survey

The committee reviewed the updated section of the survey that directly related to the grant program and decided they would like to proceed with surveying faculty only on this topic. Members had a lengthy discussion on the meaning of research culture and came to the agreement they would like do some more research on the literature to better understand the term. The committee will proceed with surveying faculty in spring quarter, with only questions related to the grant program.