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**Council on Research**  
**Minutes of Meeting: November 16, 2016**  
Approved: January 11, 2017

**Present:** L. Havton (Chair), R. Desjardins (Vice Chair), J. Agnew, S. Bensinger, J. Caskey, R. Kelley, A. Karagozian (ex officio), A. Shapiro (USAC)  
**Absent:** J. Chen, Y. Ju, K. McHugh, B. Jin (GSA)  
**Staff:** E. Feller  
**Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.  
**Minutes:** The October 12, 2016 minutes were approved.

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### **Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research Updates**

Interim Vice Chancellor of Research Ann Karagozian updated the Council on the Transdisciplinary Grants for the 2017-18 funding period. The announcement to Senate faculty will be sent from the OVCR in partnership with the Council on Research, via BruinPost, in mid-December. The application deadline will be in mid-February. The main goal of the Transdisciplinary Grant is to connect faculty from different areas on campus to collaborate on topics such as big data. Chair Havton noted that the Transdisciplinary Grants can be an opportunity for junior faculty and less funded investigators to be partnered with others that have a more solid research infrastructure.

### **UCORP Update**

Chair Havton briefed members on the issues discussed at the October 10<sup>th</sup> UCORP meeting.

- The meeting did not follow the set agenda; committee members spent some time discussing their concerns about the results of the Presidential election, particularly around research and research funding. There are serious concerns regarding research funding and federal funding and student trainees, both international and domestic, since some research programs may depend on different categories of students and trainees.
- International Thinking Day: UC Chancellors are organizing an event in early 2017 to discuss a range of issues associated with the internationalization of the University, including international relationships and research partnerships.
- Consultation with the Office of the President, Office of Research Graduate Studies: provided a list of MRUs (Multicampus Research Units) in different categories that span different domains and interests. These need to be reviewed to determine if their purpose and work has been consistent.
- ORUs and Faculty Grants Programs at the different campuses will be reviewed at the December meeting.

**Systemwide Senate Review: Proposed Revisions to the Presidential Policy on Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action Regarding Academic and Staff Employment, APM -015**

COR discussed the proposed revisions to the Presidential Policy on Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action Regarding Academic and Staff Employment and to APM – 015 Faculty Code of Conduct. No issues were identified with the proposed revisions. Members noted that this is a good policy, in compliance with State law, as it includes a broader group of people with no formal status on campus, such as guest speakers and outside contractors.

A letter with the Council’s comments will be sent to the Academic Senate’s Executive Board.

**Senate Item for Review: Senate bylaw 182 – UCIE**

The membership understands that UCIE is looking to expand its charge and welcomes the opportunity for a Senate committee to be involved in international programs. Members emphasized that the role and involvement of UCIE should be advisory. Moreover, members opined that the committee itself should not be evaluating these international programs. This is a responsibility much different from the original charge of the committee, and yet, such a major change was not adequately justified.

A letter with the Council’s comments will be sent to the Academic Senate’s Executive Board.

**Faculty Grants Program**

Chair Havton explained that COR’s Faculty Grants Program will be running parallel to the OVCR’s TDSG program. Additional information will be provided at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**ORUs.** Vice Chair Desjardins inquired about the status of ORU reviews on campus. Chair Havton explained that the office of the Vice Provost of Interdisciplinary and Cross-Campus Affairs is working to start the reviews of Organized Research Units. The plan is to review the Brain Research Institute and the Latin American Institute this academic year. COR will have a minor role suggesting reviewers and commenting on the reviews. A committee with internal and external reviewers will do a site visit of the ORUs.

The review system at the ORU and MRU levels is decentralized and causing resistance in being reviewed. There also needs to be a review of the person running the MRUs or ORUs.

**The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**