

Chairs' & Center Directors' Meeting Minutes

Date: November 21, 2016

Location: WCH – Room 443

Attendees:

Reza Abbaschian
Guillermo Aguilar
Alex Balandin
Matt Barth
Mitch Boretz
Marek Chrobak
Jay Farrell
Pat Hartney
Xiaoping Hu
Ashok Mulchandani
Nosang Myung
Walid Najjar
Marko Princevac
Ravi
Tom Stahovich
Kambiz Vafai
Sharon Walker
Albert Wang

Absent:

Bir Bhanu

1. Welcome and call for agenda items – Sharon

Sharon announced that Chancellor Wilcox wasn't able to attend today's meeting but will be at the December 5th Chairs/Directors meeting. Also, there's a schedule conflict with the campus' "Chairs 101" training session on December 5th. This training session will be focused on diversity so Sharon has asked campus if this training could be provided at a future Chairs/Directors meeting. No items were added to the agenda.

2. Approval of minutes from October 26, 2016 Meeting – Pat

The minutes of the November 9th meeting were approved.

3. Graduate Education – Ravi

Ravi reported that about 700 students have started BCOE grad student applications in GradSIS this Fall to date. Domestic applicants represent about 25% of the total. Since BCOE accepts proportionately more domestic students, the percentage of enrolled domestic grad students is also about 25%.

Ravi stated that he's received an RFP for CITRIS proposals. UCR is not yet a member of CITRIS but CITRIS has set aside \$150K for joint projects between UCR and CITRIS campus PIs. Ravi has asked CITRIS if any of this \$150K can be transferred to UCR instead of funding CITRIS campus PIs. Ravi will be sending an announcement of this CITRIS RFP to BCOE.

faculty. It is believed that UCR will be included as a member in the upcoming CITRIS renewal proposal to UCOP.

4. Undergraduate Education – Marko

Marko stated that problems with Banner are being resolved but there are still issues with some courses and degree checks. Any problems encountered with Banner should be sent to Marko and Rod. The campus will be piloting a new advisor scheduling software program (Edunav). One department in each UCR college will participate in the pilot.

UCR requested 4,800 freshmen for next year but UCOP only approved 4,500.

An ABET consultant is expected to be hired soon.

Cindy Larive, VP for Undergrad Education, has proposed that undergrads be required to sign up for a zero class credit course if they want to participate in undergrad research so that this participation can be tracked by campus. This proposal will need to be approved by UCR's Academic Senate. It was noted that this option could hurt students and that other options should be looked at. Marko asked Chairs to send him additional input so that he can provide a BCOE response to VP Larive.

Walid asked if I-Learn could be made available more than one-week in advance of the start of each quarter.

Marko reported that BCOE is still planning to move its Student Advising staff to the Student Services Building next year. However, CNAS has decided not to co-locate their staff in the Student Services Building but wait (for 5 years) for a new campus classroom/student services building to be built. It was noted that moving BCOE's Professional Development Staff into the Student Services Building is not optimal but will likely need to occur.

Marko reported that UCR's Discovery Day was held last Saturday and appeared to be successful. Marko noted that CNAS has problems with BCOE's change of major policy since BCOE uses a higher standard than the rest of campus. CNAS may challenge BCOE's policy.

5. Senate Update – Tom

Tom noted that the Academic Senate's 2nd Cluster Hire survey won't be completed by the 11/29/16 Town Hall Meeting.

6. Dean's Search Update – Guillermo

Tom reported that BCOE's Chairs/Directors met after the last Chairs meeting and sent Dean Search input to the Provost. Tom met with the Provost last week and Paul has decided to initiate a new BCOE Dean Search as soon as possible. This search will be open until filled. Several BCOE Search Committee member suggestions have been sent to the Provost.

7. College Fall Meeting/Staff Appreciation (December 9) – Pat

Pat reminded participants that this year's BCOE Staff Appreciation event is scheduled on December 9th starting at noon in WCH 205/206. He asked that faculty and staff send in their rsvp's as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate headcount.

8. UCPATH Service Center – Pat

Pat reported that UCR is in the first wave of UC campuses implementing UCPATH. As such, UCR's payroll will be processed by UCPATH starting August 2017. There will need to be a campus operation to communicate payroll information to UCPATH. UCR initially wanted to have

one such Service Center operation for the entire campus. Since BAS has been providing payroll services to a large segment of UCR staff, it was hoped that BAS could handle all campus payroll. Pat and Sharon met with BAS several weeks ago to discuss this plan. BAS provided a \$250K/yr cost estimate to BCOE for these payroll-related services. Recently, campus deans have argued that BAS is not yet capable to handle all campus payroll, particularly academic payroll. After discussion with the Chancellor and Provost, it has been decided to implement four UCPath Payroll Service Centers at UCR: BAS, UNEX, CNAS and BCOE. BCOE's partners will be GSOE, CPP and AGSM. A meeting will be held soon with our partner schools/colleges. It was noted by Chairs that this is an additional overhead to BCOE and other campus organizations. Pat hopes that eventually, there will be enough automation and efficiency gained to minimize this cost. Also, he noted that one major benefit of this operation will be less need for payroll expertise in each BCOE department/center since this expertise will be at the Service Center level.

Sharon noted that one BCOE SIF proposal was funded by campus. She added that campus will be using most SIF funding this year for deferred maintenance projects. However, the campus will provide cost-share letters for BCOE's MRI proposals in January. There will be future discussions between BCOE and RED about large research equipment funding options. It was recommended by Chairs that BCOE submit a comprehensive list of deferred maintenance projects to campus. The Dean's Office will compile this list.

9. Department Updates

UC-Light: Albert indicated that NSF and the Navy funded projects at UC-Light over the last year.

ME: Guillermo congratulated Reza for being named as an Honorary Member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical & Petroleum Engineers (AIME). Fabio Pasqualetti and Shane Cybart received NSF awards recently.

CEE: Nosang reported that Haizhou Liu and Ruoxue Yan received NSF Career Awards.

CE-CERT: Matt noted that CE-CERT and CARB researchers have been meeting about joint research interests. Also, CE-CERT is participating in the development of the Transportation Corridor between downtown Riverside and UCR along University Avenue. It is hoped that this project will be completed in the next year.

BIEN: Xioaping stated that the department's admin offices are being renovated.

WCGEC: Reza reported that Hamed Mohsenian-Rad has been appointed as WCGEC Associate Director for Power Systems. Nosang is still Associate Director for Energy Storage. Also, Winston Chung is building a new battery factory in China that will increase capacity by ten-fold. WCGEC will now be focusing on larger research projects. It was noted that in order to meet UCR's Carbon Neutrality 2025 Plan, the campus will need to focus on electrical power and storage.

CSE: Marek stated that the department doesn't have sufficient lab and office space for new faculty and asked if additional space from campus will be made available. Sharon responded that the campus is only concerned with space needs at the college-level at this time and that there is sufficient space in BCOE for additional faculty.

MSE: Ashok reported that UCR's Ed Pol committee has reviewed MSE's undergrad program and provided positive feedback.

POEM: Alex indicated that a UCR team is participating in the (\$12M) UC Collaborative Research Training Center proposal. The next SHINES Conference will be held in Palm Springs in January 2017 and that several new UCR faculty are being asked to participate.

CNSE: Alex stated that there are two CNSE committees: a Planning and Vision Committee looking at future research areas and a Nanofab committee reviewing the Nanofab's current budget deficit and future sale/service operations. There are CNAS and BCOE representatives on both committees. The search for a Senior Level faculty member and CNSE Director could result in one hire for both needs, depending on the qualifications and interests of the successful candidate.

ECE: Jay reported that the Phonics Cluster Hire search is completed for this year and will be re-instituted next year. Also, Ming Liu has received an NSF Career Award.

MSOL: Kambiz reported that the program is processing several new student applications. Pearson representatives will be visiting campus in January.

No other items were discussed.

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Agenda

Winston Chung Hall – Room 443

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| 1. | Welcome - Request for Agenda Items from the Floor | Sharon |
| 2. | Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2016 Meeting | Pat |
| 3. | Graduate Education | Ravi |
| 4. | Undergraduate Education | Marko |
| 5. | Senate Updates | Tom |
| 6. | Dean's Search Update | Guillermo |
| 7. | College Fall Meeting/Staff Appreciation (December 9) | Pat |
| 8. | UC Path Service Center | Pat |
| 9. | Department Updates | Chairs/Directors |

NOTE: Next meeting date is Monday, December 5, 2016

Future Meeting Dates

2016

December 19 (M)

2017

January 6 (F), 20 (F), 30 (M)

February 17 (M), 27 (M)

March 17 (F), 27 (M)

April 12 (W), 24 (M)

May 8 (M), 22 (M)

June 5 (M), 16 (F)

Proposed UCR Future State Process & Technical Environment

Oct. 27, 2016

