This report summarizes the activities of the Committee on Research (COR) for 2017-18. The committee continued its work in the absence of a permanent Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR) during the fall semester.

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS
Under a three-year extension of the agreement reached with the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost (EVCP) in 2014, COR received its allocation of $50,000 to offer emeritus faculty a basic level of research and conference travel support. Emeritus faculty with a funded research program or proceeds from an endowed chair exceeding $10,000, or other sources of funds to support their proposed research, were ineligible to apply for a grant. The committee instituted this restriction to direct its limited funding to those emeriti who otherwise would have little or no support. This year, 78 emeriti each received an award of $640, down from 93 emeriti in 2016-17. Funding for the emeritus grants will continue until at least 2019-20.

ORGANIZED RESEARCH UNITS (ORUs)
Due to the continuing transition in research leadership on campus, ORU reviews continued to be suspended for the year. At its meetings with the interim Vice Chancellor-Research in the fall and with the new VC-Research in the spring, the committee expressed its concerns about the ongoing suspension of ORU reviews and encouraged leadership to resume them as soon as possible.

WRITTEN COMMENTS
COR submitted written comments on the following issues:
- Reports of the Working Group on the Design of Incentives
- Unionization of Graduate Student Researchers

OTHER ACTIVITIES
COR also discussed the following issues:
- Research administration pilot project
- UC bid to manage Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Fundraising for research, including collaboration with University Development and Alumni Relations (UDAR)

GUESTS
COR welcomed the following guests to meetings in 2017-18:

G. Steven Martin, Interim Vice Chancellor-Research
Professor Ronald Cohen
Deborah Cohen, Labor Relations Advocate, Berkeley Human Resources
Michelle McClellan, Associate Vice Chancellor, UDAR
Randy Katz, Vice Chancellor-Research
MEMBERS OF THE 2017-18 COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

Stuart Bale, Physics, Chair  
Vinod Aggarwal, Political Science/Business  
Sonia Bishop, Psychology  
Deborah Blocker, French  
Roland Burgmann, EPS  
Gerbrand Ceder, Materials Science & Engineering  
Susana Chung, Optometry  
John Colford, Public Health  
Irina Conboy, Bioengineering (UCORP representative)  
Edgar Knobloch, Physics  
John Lott, Mathematics (unable to attend meetings fall and spring)  
Tarek Zohdi, Mechanical Engineering  

Division Chair Lisa Alvarez-Cohen participated as an ex-officio member.