To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

I. COUNCIL OPERATIONS
Professor Edward Dimendberg chaired the Council for the 2015-16 academic year. At six meetings from October 2015 through May 2016, CORCL’s principal items of business included awarding faculty research grants, reviewing faculty proposals to establish and renew campus-approved centers and organized research units, and advising the Academic Senate Irvine Division Chair, Vice Chancellor for Research, Associate Vice Chancellor of Information Technology, and University Librarian on issues of importance to the campus and University that were under its charge.

II. FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS
A total of $664,000 was awarded by CORCL’s faculty research grant programs during 2015-16:

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<th>Grant Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>Research and Travel Grants</td>
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<td>Cultural Research Grants</td>
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A. Allocations to Schools for Faculty Research Grants
CORCL allocated $664,000, equivalent to 100% of its budget to the Research Committees of each academic unit for Research and Travel (R&T) grants to be awarded competitively to Senate faculty.

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<th>AY 2015-16 Academic Unit</th>
<th>Weighted Faculty FTE*</th>
<th>R&amp;T Allocation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Arts</td>
<td>119.25</td>
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<td>Biological Sciences</td>
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<td>Business</td>
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<td>Education</td>
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<td>Humanities</td>
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<td>ICS</td>
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<td>Medicine</td>
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<td>Nursing</td>
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<td>Pharmaceutical Sciences</td>
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<td>Physical Sciences</td>
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<td>Public Health</td>
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<td>Social Ecology</td>
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<td>Social Sciences</td>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
<td><strong>1421.99</strong></td>
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* Permanently filled FTE as of October 1, 2015
B. Cultural Research Grants
The Cultural Research Grants support academic research involving cultural analysis, interpretation, and production. In 2015-16, CORCL received no proposals and awarded 0 grants.

C. Multi-Investigator Innovation Grants
The Multi-Investigator Innovation Grants promote new collaborations among faculty, particularly from different academic units, on “high-risk/high-yield” pilot research investigations and research that may lead to further discoveries. In 2015-16, CORCL received 0 proposals and awarded 0 grants.

D. Single Investigator Innovation Grants
The Single Investigator Innovation Grants support new research projects of junior faculty, exploratory work by senior investigators, or meritorious research in disciplines that typically do not receive significant extramural support. In 2015-16, CORCL received 0 proposals and awarded 0 grants.

E. Conference Support Program
The Conference Support Program is a joint grant program between CORCL and the Office of Research, and is administered by the Office of Research. The goal is to promote interdisciplinary research and to strengthen the presence of UCI research and scholarship in the academic world at large. This year, the Office of Research did not refer any conference proposals to CORCL.

III. ACADEMIC REVIEW

A. Organized Research Programs
One of CORCL’s responsibilities is to provide academic reviews and advise the administration on faculty proposals to establish or renew Campus Centers and Organized Research Units (ORUs). For 2015-16, CORCL did not review any new proposals.

IV. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE
Reports were given at CORCL’s monthly meetings by the Vice Chancellor for Research, the Associate Vice Chancellor of Information and Technology, and the University Librarian on issues concerning the faculty and the campus. CORCL also received reports from its representatives on two systemwide Senate committees – Chair Dimendberg on the University Committee on Research Policy (UCORP) and Professor Walsh on the University Committee on the Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC).

A. Academic Senate

1. UCI Campus Issues
   a. Research Seed Funding Program and Technology Development Innovation Fund
      Meeting date: 10/15/2015; 1/21/16
      The Office of Research, the Provost, Health Affairs, and the Institute for Innovation is establishing a new fund. CORCL was asked to participate in the review of proposals for Track 1 – Single and Multi-Investigator Research Projects and Track 2 – Research Center Proposal Development.

   b. Departmentalization of African American Studies Program
      (Meeting date: 10/15/2015 – Memo date: 10/22/15)
CORCL conducted a second review of the proposal to departmentalize the African American Studies Program. This is the second round of review. The proposal received an initial round of comments during the summer of 2015, and the program chair as well as the Dean of the School of Humanities responded to those initial comments. CORCL saw no indication of a significant change in the computing and library needs for a new African American Studies department and voted unanimously to endorse the proposed departmentalization of the African American Studies Program.

c. **CORCL Budget Allocation**  
   (Meeting: 10/15/15)  
   CORCL received a $34,000 increase, equivalent to a 5.4% increase, in its faculty research funding, bringing its total budget to $664,000. The Council explored various options for the budget allocation, in view of the new Research Seed Funding Program from the Office of Research. Chair Dimendberg informed new council members that CORCL has been positively considering the UC Berkeley funding model over the past year.

d. **Open Access Implementation**  
   (Meeting 10/15/15)  
   Based on the campus’s successful experience, the Council strongly supported the continued funding of the UC Publication Management System as part of the Open Access Policy implementation. The report will be transmitted to Senate Chair Terricciano for Provost Dorr’s consideration.

e. **Research Funding Allocation**  
   (Meeting date: 11/19/15)  
   In response to the Chancellor’s goal of increasing the campus research funding to $500M, the Provost, Vice Chancellor for Research, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, and Executive Director of Applied Innovation jointly formed the Research Seed Funding Program and Technology Development Innovation Fund in fall 2015. Up to $1.75M became available through these programs to fund efforts aimed at increasing the likelihood of success of extramural research or center proposals or to support projects that show promise for commercialization. The campus has submitted less proposals than it did 10 years ago, despite an increase in faculty number. It was reported that the Faculty Desktop Computing Initiative has been cancelled.

2. **Universitywide Issues**

   a. **Presidential Policy on Open Access for Non-Academic Senate Members**  
      (Meeting date: 10/15/15 – Memo date: 11/02/15)  
      In response to the May 2015 request from former Academic Senate Chair William Molzon to former CORCL Chair Rufus Edwards, the UCI Libraries prepared a report, which details the two phases of implantation. The Council strongly supported the continued funding of the UC Publication Management System as part of the Open Access Policy implementation. The report was transmitted to Senate Chair Terricciano for Provost Dorr’s consideration.

V. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

   a. **CORCL Funding Model**
Senate Chair Terricciano proposed that CORCL present a proposal with compelling arguments to him, to be possibly presented to the Cabinet. The proposal separated the philosophy from the mechanism to obtain buy-in from the Senate and the Administration first before being hindered by the actual implementation. Chair Terricciano remained supportive of a new funding allocation model and further suggested that CORCL research the model at UC Davis which Provost Lavernia is familiar with. Chair Dimendberg presented the Senate Cabinet with a hybrid model that would award a fixed funding amount of $2,000 to faculty research grants. The Senate Cabinet approved the proposal at its August 30, 216 meeting.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Members: Edward Dimendberg, Humanities, Chair & UCORP representative
Philip Thompson, Arts
Raju Metherate, Biological Sciences
Naomi Morrisette, Biological Sciences
Margarethe Wiersema, Business
Rebecca Black, Education (on leave)
Lorenzo Valdevit, Engineering
Farzin Zareian, Engineering
Anne Calof, Health Sciences
David Mobley, Health Sciences
Kai Evans, Humanities
Elaheh Bozorgzadeh, ICS
Beatrice Tice, Law
Aaron Barth, Physical Sciences
Michael Goulden, Physical Sciences
Chuansheng Chen, Social Ecology (on leave Spring 2016)
John Hipp, Social Ecology (Spring 2016)
Keith Murphy, Social Sciences
Sean Walsh, Social Sciences

Representatives: John Renaud, LAUC-I
Li Xiao, AGS
Linh Ly, ASUCI

Ex Officios: James Hicks, Interim Vice Chancellor for Research
Dana Roode, Associate Vice Chancellor, Office of Information Technology
Lorelei Tanji, University Librarian

Consultants: James Hicks, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research
Bruce Morgan, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research
Mark Warner, Associate Vice Chancellor for Admin.
Jill Kay, Director, Research Policy

Council Analyst: Thao Nguyen, Wendy Chamorro (June-August)