

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
DECEMBER 1, 2020**

To be received and placed on file:

Overview:

During the 2019-2020 academic year, the Committee on Research (CoR) met seven times. The Committee reviewed and readopted the prior year's Conflict of Interest Statement.

Review Items and Other Consultation:

From Center for Research in Intelligent Systems (CRIS) to Center on Robotics and Intelligent Systems (CRIS)

The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed name change and had no comments.

Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation

The Committee on Research reviewed the Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation and had no additional comments.

Presidential Policy on Copyright Ownership

The Committee on Research reviewed the presidential policy on copyright ownership and had no comments.

UC Washington (UCDC) Center Review

The Committee on Research reviewed the UC Washington UCDC Center report and is supportive but would like to ensure the initiative is properly advertised to all faculty.

Presidential Policy on Protection of Human Subjects in Research

The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed revisions to Presidential Policy on Protection of Human Subjects in Research during the meeting on 03/20/2020. The Committee members were generally supportive of proposed revisions, except for the paragraph delineated below that requires further consideration and clarification prior to approval:

Under IV. COMPLIANCE / RESPONSIBILITIES; Campus Responsibilities: "Research in which the University is engaged that has been approved by an IRB may be subject to further appropriate review and approval or disapproval by officials of the institution. However, those officials may not approve Human Subjects Research if it has not been approved by an IRB."

1. Additional information is needed to define who are "officials of the institution", who appoints these officials and to who they report a decision to disapprove proposed research that has IRB approval.
2. Clarifications are needed to specify rules or guidelines that aforementioned official will be using as a premise to approve or disapprove the proposed research.

Campus Five Year Planning Perspectives (2020-2025)

The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed 2020-2025 5-year Perspectives and has no additional comments.

Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation Round 2

The Committee on Research reviewed the Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation and had no additional comments.

Feedback to VCRED regarding Guidelines and Overview for Research Center on UCR campus:

During Committee of Research meeting on February 21st, 2020 we discussed your new project regarding the development of clear guidelines on formation and evaluation of multi-PI, interdepartmental Research Centers. The committee understood that UCR may have over 200 different Research Centers across various disciplines and Colleges, in a variety of sizes and levels of activity, some of which may receive some monies, while others are self-funded or do not require funding. The administration requested development of guidelines for establishment and review of Research Centers.

The Committee commented that a distinction between different Centers needs to be clearly stated based on the size or whether they receive funding from the University or Colleges, which can be stipulated by the name (“Institute” versus “Center” for example) or some other criteria, in order to prevent 3-person Research collaboration that does not receive any monies, to be treated the same as a large Center, which may receive some financial support. The Committee, although cognizant of the need for guidelines, expressed concern that some criteria for new Center establishment may limit research and impede collaborations, and that review requirement may create an undue burden of regular reporting on faculty members with small research collaborations, if administrative costs are not covered by the University administration or Colleges. In summary, Committee recommended creating a list of Centers, indicating their size and activity level, and limited guidelines for new Center establishment without creating unnecessary obstacles for collaborations. Further recommendation includes that a requirement for reporting be reserved for Centers that receive financial support.

Grant Applications

CoR’s primary activity is to administer intramural grant competitions. The committee further clarified the applications guidelines, spending limitations and adjusted the overall grant timeline to give more time for grant submission and committee review.

Research Grant Applications received for 2019-2020 funding included:

Total Applications: 507

Total Funded Applications: 457

Grant Type + Scoring Breakdown: (Total Funded / Total Received)

- Omnibus (393/413)
 - o Travel Only = (308/324)*
 - o Research and Travel = (85/89)*
 - Score 3 awarded \$1800 (32)
 - Score 2.5 awarded \$1600 (23)
 - Score 2 awarded \$1100 (16)
 - Score 1.5 awarded \$900 (12)
 - Score 1 awarded \$900 (1)
 - Score .5 awarded \$900 (4)
 - Score 0 awarded \$900 (1)
- CoR (39/54)

- Score 5 awarded \$8000 (4)
- Score 4.5 awarded \$5000 (16)
- Score 4 awarded \$4000 (11)
- Score 3.5 awarded \$3000 (8)
- Regent Faculty Fellowship (15/33)
 - Score 5 awarded \$8000 (2)
 - Score 4.5 awarded \$6000 (6)
 - Score 4 awarded \$4000 (4)
 - Score 3.5 awarded \$3000 (3)
- Regent Faculty Development (10/19)
 - Score 5 awarded \$8000 (2)
 - Score 4.5 awarded \$6000 (2)
 - Score 4 awarded \$4000 (5)
 - Score 3.5 awarded \$3000 (1)

*Omnibus recipients who receive a grant of \$5000 or more do not receive the travel funding

Total Research funds awarded for 2019-20 was \$712,303.

Respectfully Submitted,
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