

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
November 30, 2021**

To be received and placed on file:

Overview:

During the 2020-2021 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:

SR. Curtailment Program

The committee on research reviewed the 20-21 Curtailment Program. The committee felt that the program needed clarifications regarding exceptions when concerning Vivarium or essential labs, salaries supported by grants, and potential impact on retirement plans. Additionally, the committee would like to know how future cuts will be implemented or if the curtailment days can be staggered rather than consecutively. The committee would also like more concrete details or specific totals on the 5-day curtailment and why this five-day timeframe is a sufficient cost saving measure. The program document is also vague on the potential negative impacts on faculty of different ranks.

From a non-research perspective the committee would also like clarification regarding the impact on faculty during appraisal periods.

CR. Committee on Faculty Welfare - Campus Climate Survey Report

The committee on research reviewed the Committee on Faculty welfare Campus climate survey report and wanted to strongly encourage financial support for graduate programs to increase competitiveness. In addition, to more accountability and enforcement on bullying and sexual harassment situations.

CR. Campus Safety Task Force draft report & recommendations

The committee on research reviewed the Campus Safety Task Force draft report & recommendations and supports the proposal but had one question about how the usage of force reports was reported.

CR. Safety Orientation - mandatory training program

The committee on research reviewed the Safety Orientation – mandatory training program and had no comments.

CR. Draft Strategic Plan

The committee reviewed the draft strategic plan and noted that 1. The plan was too general given the current COVID impact on research and 2. The plan needs to be accompanied by statistics and case samples that show how these plans can convert into meaningful changes.

SR. New Presidential Policy on UC Research Data and Tangible Research Materials

The committee on research reviewed the New Presidential Policy on UC Research Data and Tangible Research materials and noted on page 11 of the proposal:

“On a case-by-case basis, the campus in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Research or their designee(s) may allow for the transfer of Research Data or Tangible Research Materials to another institution if it has been determined that the transfer of the Research Data and/or Tangible Research Materials would not impede other Workforce Members from continuing their research, does not conflict with legal or contractual requirements, and as long as the new institution accepts custodial responsibilities for the Research Data or Tangible Research Materials. The University may retain a copy of the Research Data or Tangible Research Materials and must retain access to the Research Data or Tangible Research Materials should that become necessary.”

That “may” is extremely, restrictive and should be “will” to ensure the transfer if deemed allowable by the relevant parties.

SR. Proposed Presidential Policy on Classification of Gifts and Sponsored Awards

The committee reviewed the proposed policy on Classification of Gifts and Sponsored Awarded and suggested improving communication.

SR. SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program

The committee reviewed the proposed policy SARS-CoV-2 Vaccination and felt that policy should explicitly include or exclude visitors and/or human subjects research participants.

CR. New Department Pre-Proposal: Department of Black study

The committee reviewed the proposal and had no comments.

CR. Fall21RemoteOptions

The committee reviewed the proposal and had no comments.

CR. Renewal of Partnership Agreement between UCR & RUSD Regarding Riverside STEM Academy

The committee reviewed the proposal and had no comments.

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, and slightly altered the review scoring. Additionally, due to COVID travel restrictions and research impacts the committee offered as needed extensions and additional funding exceptions to help faculty.

Research Grant Applications received for 2019-2020 funding included:

Total Applications: 412

Total Funded Applications: 377

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

- Omnibus (309/327)

- Travel Only = (224/241)*
- Research and Travel = (85/86)*
 - Score 3 awarded \$1500 (23)
 - Score 2.5 awarded \$1200 (30)
 - Score 2 awarded \$1000 (17)
 - Score 1.5 awarded \$900 (12)
 - Score 1 awarded \$900 (0)
 - Score .5 awarded \$900 (0)
 - Score 0 awarded \$900 (3)
- CoR (41/50)
 - Score 3 awarded \$6000 (16)
 - Score 2.5 awarded \$4500 (18)
 - Score 2 awarded \$3500 (7)
- Regent Faculty Fellowship (16/18)
 - Score 3 awarded \$6000 (5)
 - Score 2.5 awarded \$4500 (9)
 - Score 2 awarded \$3500 (2)
- Regent Faculty Development (10/19)
 - Score 5 awarded \$6000 (4)
 - Score 4.5 awarded \$4500 (5)
 - Score 4 awarded \$3500 (2)

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

Total Research funds awarded for 2020-21 was \$636,589.

Respectfully Submitted,

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