



Committee on Research
James Sorensen, PhD Chair

MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 2009

PRESENT: J. Sorensen (Chair), R. Henry (Vice Chair), M. Blegen, K. Delucchi, S. Hall, T. Hashimoto, W. Hsueh, M. Johnson, R. Marcucio, M. Mankani, R. Marcucio, D. Saloner, R. Vaderhobli, G. Vyas, M. White

ABSENT: D. Cuenco, K. Lee, W. Li, M. West

The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Sorensen on September 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in room S-30. A quorum was present.

Chair's Announcements

Introductions were done.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting were approved with edits to Chair's Report and a correction made to the name of the Chair of RAB. Minutes will be posted to the Senate website by the Academic Senate office.

Charge to Committee

Chair Sorensen went over the committee's charge, as per the Senate bylaws: The Committee on Research advises the Chancellor and administration as to the allocation of research funds from the Academic Senate as well as advises on travel grants. Chair Sorensen explained the two lectureships as well as the Shared Equipment Grant.

The Committee's charge will be changing slightly this year based on affiliation with RAP and the creation of the Translational Lectureship. This change is a natural part of the committee's development and will not require a change to the Academic Senate's official charge or bylaws.

Important Dates & Deadlines

The Committee reviewed the dates and deadlines. Also noted by Chair Sorensen was that the 9th Annual DCR Lecture given by recipient Walter L. Miller will be at 3:30pm in Cole Hall.

Introduction to Committee Service – Alison Cleaver

Analyst Cleaver went over the timeline for Fall 2009 and important dates/deadlines for committee members to be aware of.

Expected Workload/Contributions

Chair Sorensen showed the Attendance sheet as a demonstration that we do keep track and it is crucial to the working of the Committee on Research that members attend. Chair Sorensen and the committee also went over the review process itself.

Agenda Items for the Upcoming Year

COR/RAP Affiliation

Chair Sorensen went over the merging with RAP. Fall season is set aside to work out kinks in the merging of two systems. Vice Chair Roland Henry and Kevin DeLucchi went over the presentation to Coordinating Committee to join with RAP; the proposal was approved unanimously.

Of issue to the Coordinating Committee however was the Shared Equipment Grant (SEG) and whether its full opportunity would be squashed by affiliating with RAP (which as of late had been focusing on CORE issues, rather than permit anything that fits the definition of SEG to be applied for).

A subcommittee was arranged to continue to shepherd through COR/RAP affiliation. Roland Henry will Chair, with Committee Members Ralph Marcucio, Mallory Johnson, David Saloner, and Kevin DeLucchi.

Translational Lectureship

This has been added to the agenda for the next Coordinating Committee for discussion and approval. Then, if approved, it will be instituted in the Spring 2010 (in March). By way of background, there will be one deadline for all three lectureships. We will also change (the Academic Senate) the cover sheet to cover all three—so it is up to the nominator to nominate for any category. The Committee will choose two out of the three lectureships annually, as based on the nominees.

Discussion of Issues the Committee Should Proactively Address

Chair Sorensen brought up issues related to stimulus funding and how opportunities will be delved out. Also to be explored, in general, is why it takes so long to get things accomplished at UCSF. He also opened up to the committee for their ideas. The Committee will contact the Office of Research and invite in a speaker to address these questions.

Vice Chair Henry asked whether committee members should be seeking research issues outside of the committee. Committee members spoke to bringing up research issues with their departments, division or school so as to hear the issues that are affecting those areas; those issues can then be brought to the COR as applicable.

Chair Sorensen will invite a member of RAB (Research Administration Board), preferably Chair James S. Kahn, to speak to COR about the differences between the committees. Also to be explored during this academic year is whether a member of COR be on the RAB? According to the UCSF website, RAB is the point of intersection between administration and grant process.

The Committee would like to see a presentation by the Grants & Contracts Office, especially speaking to its impenetrability, as well as a presentation by the Accounting office. The new Interim Director of G&C is Erik Lium (Office of Sponsored Research). Separately, the Committee would like to bring in someone to discuss the post-award administering of grants.

Old Business

Chair Sorensen discussed the Annual Report 2008-2009 as a point of reference for new members and a reminder to existing members as to business handled during the past academic year.

New Business

None.

Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 11:25am.

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