The Committee on Research was called to order by Vice Chair Henry on April 19, 2010 at 10:05 a.m. in room S-30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the March 15, 2010 meeting were approved.

ACTION: The Senate Office will post the minutes to the Academic Senate website.

Vice Chair’s Announcements
UC Commission on the Future has come out with its initial recommendations. A UCSF task force is being created to focus on reviewing those recommendations; one person from each Senate committee will be on the Task Force. Vice Chair Henry invited volunteers.

ACTION: No action required.

Analyst’s Updates
Analyst Cleaver updated the committee on upcoming events including today’s Faculty Research Lecture at 3:30pm at Genentech Hall on the Mission Bay Campus. It is also being simulcast to Parnassus Campus to room N-217 and to UC Fresno.

Separately, there is an upcoming Post-Employment Benefits Forum open to all current staff and faculty being held on Friday April 23 from 11:30 to 1:30pm in Cole Hall. It is being simulcast to all campuses and also is being recorded for future viewing. For retired staff and faculty, a similar forum is being held at Laurel Heights on April 23 but starting at 3:30pm.

ACTION: No action required.

COR Members Gary Humfleet and Wen-Chi Hsueh discussed the task force report on the Compendium. Gary highlighted the five-year perspective being monitored as one of the strong recommendations. There is also a suggestion to make the Senate more actively-involved in any revised departmental and program plans. Overall this makes it more difficult to establish programs and easier to establish ORUs. It is difficult
to assess if the Graduate Affairs committee, tasked to review these new programs, is adequately-equipped to be in this position, in re staffing, etc.

ACTION: Analyst Cleaver will advise the systemwide committee that COR has reviewed and has no comments beyond agreeing that nothing should be created outside the Compendium and anything that has been, should be brought in line.

**Update on IIG Applications, Spring Funding Cycle, and Faculty Research Lecture Nominations**

Analyst Cleaver notified the committee that 31 applications were received. Two additional grants were rejected for consideration because they were received past the deadline.

**Funding Update**

In reviewing the endowment fund status, it's anticipated COR will be able to fund between seven to ten, or more, Individual Investigator Grants this spring cycle. The range and end result will be determined by the research areas of the top-ranked grants. As expected, we have more funds available for grants in the areas of eye research and stomach ailments than the other areas, especially the general/other category.

**FRL Update**

Analyst Cleaver contacted all nominators who submitted for FRL and DCRL last year. All intend to provide updates for their previously-submitted nominations.

As such, COR currently has one Basic Science-Faculty Research Lecture candidate and seven Clinical Science-FRL candidates. The deadline for nominations is noon on Friday May 14, 2010.

**Review of COR/RAP Transition Documents**

**Review Forms**

COR members reviewed the form for Pilot Proposals which is equivalent to the COR Start-up Individual Investigator Grant.

COR members agreed to add into the call the language of each specific grant.

Fred Waldman reminded the committee that it is really those grants which score between 3 to 5 which will be reviewed and discussed further. He advised that the review questions are really there to help the committee flesh out. The committee will keep the questions specific to its particular grants. And insist that the call is included with the review form so that the language of the specific grant and its criteria are clear.

The committee also agreed that a two-year hold period between awarding of grants be maintained. If a Spring 2010 funding cycle is awarded IIG, Spring 2012 is the earliest they could be awarded again.

The committee felt that re-entry and new direction grants could be included in one call.

Fred Waldman suggested funding SEG twice a year instead of once, so as to be consistent with REAC. Vice Chair Henry thought that was fine, but having the caveat that equipment be placed in Core facilities (as REAC currently holds) could exclude groups of people. Are there ways to encourage faculty who are not in Core buildings, to create the infrastructure to create a Core-type facility? At a future meeting, COR member Teri Melese will present on the pros and cons of moving to Core facilities versus non-Core.

**Move: Committee vote to accept and fund SEG**

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**VOTE: COMMITTEE APPROVED SEG TWICE A YEAR FUNDING.**
In merging with RAP, the issue of funding P.I.’s salaries is at odds. SOS does fund and Senate and REAC don’t. Having no salary as a rule means that some junior faculty don’t apply—they can’t take the time. COR Member Johnson suggested that as a change perhaps could up to 5% of an approved grant award be put toward salary?

Also, COR members suggested that a close-out report be done on end of each fiscal and academic year.

Application Forms
The committee reviewed the drafted forms and at present had no comments.

ACTION: COR will continue to meet with RAP to discuss and implement the transition.

Old Business
At May’s meeting the committee will start to discuss the key issues are which should go in a letter to the Chancellor.

New Business
COR member Blegen raised a question about the new data management that’s available on campus. It doesn’t include SAS so it’s not usable by SON faculty. We will discuss this at May or June’s meeting once information has been verified by COR member Blegen.

Roland Henry said that Erik Lium has stated that a UC-consolidated effort in managing contracts and grants (managing depository) would be desirable.

COR member Cuenco highlighted the absence at UCSF of an interactive website platform upon which to host internet-based research programs. In her own research, COR member Cuenco uses an internet-based interactive website for chronically ill patients. Although their project was funded by a R01, it had to be subcontracted with colleagues at Univ. of Washington because UCSF didn’t have the resources to establish such a model.

Mac Griffiss said that these items should be added to the end-of-year report to the Chancellor.

Vice Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 11:47pm.

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