The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Sorensen on May 17, 2010 at 10:05 a.m. in room S-30. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the April 19, 2010 meeting were approved.

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

Chair’s Announcements
Update on COR/RAP transition. Alison has extended the deadline for Faculty Research Lecture new nominees to June 11. She is coordinating with other translational science bodies on campus to extend the outreach/publicity. To date, COR has received zero inquiries or nominations for this new lectureship.

COR member David Saloner updated the committee on the UCORP meeting. A key question raised was ‘how do campuses handle limited submissions’? UCB and UCI commented that some ‘higher authority’ i.e. Vice Chair of COR or higher authorities (i.e. J.Bluestone) determines. This is something COR should look at down the road under research policy umbrella. COR member Johnson mentioned that SOM does limited submission for some things and Donna Ferreiro ends up handling; if it’s feasible to have someone else handle, Vice Dean Ferreiro would very much appreciate it.

K. Lee reported on the Task Force examining the UC Commission on the Future Initial Recommendations. The task force met last week and must report to the Commission by the last week in May 2010. They are focusing on the workgroup recommendations.

D. Saloner gave a brief overview on the Indirect Cost Recovery Task Force efforts to create an outline to the faculty as to where such monies go at UCSF. When the task force has an initial report, D.Saloner will be happy to provide an update to the committee in re research policy.

ACTION: No action required.

Analyst’s Updates
None.
ACTION: No action required.

Discussion of End-of-Year Letter to the Chancellor
Chair Sorensen led the committee on a brainstorming session of topics to include in the forthcoming letter. Topics the committee has reviewed this year include:

1. Research policy issues at each school, focusing on technology infrastructure
2. Office of Research specifically length of turnaround time
3. RAP/COR transition
4. Transparency, i.e limited submission issues raised by UCORP. UCSF COR should weigh on these issues.
5. Indirect Cost Recovery. COR wants to review and the right to comment on the indirect cost recovery task force comments, with the desire to have such information disseminated campuswide. COR members also wanted the UCSF Task Force Report to have hard recommendations and not take the watered-down approach that some of the systemwide reports have, due to lack of information. COR members want to get behind those Task Force recommendations and may have other tangential issues to highlight. The issue of waiving IDC is a big issue and something that the Chancellor is also focusing on through her Operational Excellence Task Force.

Review of IIG Applications, Spring Funding Cycle
The committee reviewed 31 grants requesting a total of $1,054,000. The committee selected to fund nine grants in the amount of $309,916.

ACTION: Award emails will go out this week with monies being distributed in June 2010, prior to fiscal year close. Decline letters will go out this week as well.

Old Business
None.

New Business
None.

Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

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