The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Sorensen on October 26, 2009 at 10:05 a.m. in room S-30. A quorum was present.

**Chair’s Announcements**
Chair Sorensen spoke of the upcoming committee presentations in December. Also highlighted were the recent departures of two committee members; they will be replaced by the Committee on Committees by November 16. Chair Sorensen and Alison Cleaver will brief incoming committee members on charge and business of the committee.

Overview on DCRL: The presentation will be added to the Podcast library this week (Podcasts@UCSF).

**ACTION:** Analyst Cleaver will follow up with Committee on Committees to ensure replacement committee members are in place by the Review meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**
The minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting were approved with the addition of David Saloner to the list of COR members on the RAP subcommittee.

**ACTION:** These revised minutes will be posted to the Senate website by the Senate office.

**Vice Chair’s Report**
VChair Henry spoke to the differences between RAB and COR and RAP. RAB Director Jim Kahn will be presenting at December’s COR meeting to further expand on the differences.

Former COR Chair John Greenspan spoke at the recent RAP Working Group meeting that COR should move further toward being a research policy committee. He will be happy to address the committee on these notions.
Update on RAP/COR Affiliation

ECVC Gene Washington wants to formally charter RAP and move it to be a separation organization, free-standing of CTSI. As such, he has convened a RAP Working Group chaired by Fred Waldman, with Dan Lowenstein as the representative of RAP, and with one member from each funding agency. This working group will implement the charter then dissolve.

At present, the Work Group is creating a Faculty Advisory Board for RAP itself, representative of the campus-at-large, and reviewing the proposed budget for a free-standing RAP. The initial budget created by CTSI was determined to be high for the agencies to continually fund; however, a RAP start-up budget then a separate sustainable budget are foreseeable. About 50% of the budget as planned would be supported by the ECVC office (Gene Washington).

For COR, the annual contribution to RAP would be equivalent to one Individual Investigator Grant ($35,000). COR wants a list of services from RAP—if COR is going to provide money for RAP to be funded, what are the services we will be receiving as a result?

The actual merging of RAP and COR is being put on hold for now, pending the implementation of RAP’s internal structure. Chair Sorensen advised that we may need to find another avenue to push for the merging of the two. VChair Henry said now is the time to put into the RAP Charter so we can insure that it is structured how COR want; committee members agreed.

ACTION: VChair Henry will continue to update COR on the progress of the RAP Working Group. It is also requested to VChair Henry to find out a timeline as to when COR’s proposal for COR/RAP affiliation can be presented to the RAP Working Group.

Update on Electronic Submissions of IIG Applications

Analyst Cleaver provided an update on the number of applications and the status. Committee members filled out the provided sheet and provided. Chair Sorensen and Alison Cleaver will meet on Wednesday of this week and then links to the grants will be sent out to each person by the end of this week, along with the critique forms. Review meeting is November 16.

ACTION: Review grants with responses delivered to Alison Cleaver by Friday, September 13, noon.

Research Allocation Program (RAP) Post Award Process & Analytics

Susan Autry, Zeanid Noor, and Emy Volpe spoke to the post-award analytics process and the evaluation and planning techniques. While RAP requires a quarterly report back from recipients, COR will be able to manage biannual reports from grant recipients. The reports are both to measure if the money is being spent and the research progress relative to the aims.

After the RAP presentation, the committee discussed that historically they haven’t tracked the use of the funds: IP, publications, etc. Members thought going back to prior grant recipients to find out what has come out of the grant funding is a good idea. If the Senate office can go back five years or so, such a report would also have potential value for the donor office.

ACTION: Analyst Cleaver will revise the COR Award Letters to include six-month reports. The Senate office will begin drafting a survey to be sent to five years’ worth of IIG and SEG recipients, to gather statistics and information about IP, publications, and research spawned as a result of receiving COR grants. Update from Senate office to come in three months (February 2010) on status.

Old Business

The Coordinating Committee had some issues with COR joining RAP. The issue raised had to do with Shared Equipment grants. VChair Henry spoke to this concern and that it is shared by COR, which wants
to maintain eligibility and funding decisions especially over those grants which may not be covered by any other funding agency or RAP.

ACTION: Include eligibility language and accountabilities as it pertains to Shared Equipment Grants in what is presented to RAP.

**New Business**
Roland Henry is the UC Research Policy systemwide committee representative. He provided an update on the recent meeting including the attempts by various campuses to redirect intramural research funds to alleviate the impact of furloughs on research.

As part of his involvement with the UC Research Policy systemwide committee, Roland Henry is now a member of the subcommittee that is tracking all the indirect costs at the UC system.

ACTION: No action produced by New Business update.

Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 12:12pm.

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