Committee on Research
Roland Henry, PhD Chair

MINUTES
Monday, September 13, 2010


ABSENT: L. Dunn, M. Johnson, K. Lee, M. Mankani, T. Melese, S. Nagarajan, M. West

The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Henry on September 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in room S-118. A quorum was present.

Chair’s Announcements
Introductions were done.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the July 29, 2010 meeting were approved with edits. They will be posted to the Senate website by the Academic Senate office.

Charge to Committee
Chair Henry went over the specific charge to the committee and bylaws. He highlighted that some of the charge is in transition this academic term, as the committee has merged with RAP (Research Allocation Program). As such, the Chair has requested that members bring research concerns from their respective schools and departments to the meetings for COR to explore.

Distributed via email prior to the meeting is the initial assignment of COR members to RAP Review Committees. While COR can nominate people to serve on the RAP Review Committees, those nominations are still under review. At present, all COR members are assigned to committees, however the RAP Executive Committee and Chairs of RAP Review Committees will be verifying expertise and removing some from assigned committees.

Important Dates & Deadlines
The Committee reviewed the dates and deadlines. Those through Fall 2010 are confirmed, however those in Spring 2010 are still tentative pending confirmation by the RAP Administration team.

Also noted was that the 10th Annual Clinical Sciences-Faculty Research Lecture given by recipient Stephen Hulley will be at 3:30pm in Cole Hall on Tuesday, October 19.

Expected Workload/Contributions
Chair Henry went over expectation of committee attendance throughout the academic year, as well as the review of systemwide or divisional matters, including grant proposals. If needed, as requested by the
UCSF Academic Senate Chair Elena Fuentes-Afflick, COR members will also serve on subcommittees throughout the year.

**Agenda Items for the Upcoming Year**

**COR/RAP Affiliation**

Chair Henry reviewed the merging of COR with RAP. They will take over much of the initial responsibility previously handled by COR to review submitted grants. This committee will make a final determination in the December 2010 meeting as to which grants will be funded.

**Faculty Research Lectureships**

Chair Henry went over the three lectureships and the background to them. He also went over some additional issues that arose over the summer. Previously, objections to having all three lectures annually included fatigue and devaluing of the lectureships, and issues around attendance.

Chair Henry offered explanations or answers to each which included the size of the campus and that each lecture is targeted at a different group of researchers will make up for fatigue and issues of attendance. The issue of cost has also been alleviated with re-allocation of Academic Senate funds to the Committee of Research. Each lecture requires about $4,000 to put on, which includes an honorarium to the honoree.

VOTE: Have the Committee of Research and the UCSF Academic Senate hold three Faculty Research Lectures (FRL) annually: one in Basic Science (Fall), one in Clinical Science (Winter), and the third in Translational Science (Spring).

Members voted: 14 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain to hold three lectureships annually

VOTE: Shall the previously voted-upon FRL candidate in Basic Science, selected by the 2009-2010 COR membership, be the Winter (2011) FRL (Basic Science) honoree?

Members voted: 14 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain

ACTION: Analyst Cleaver will notify the nominator of the above-voted upon nominee of the committee’s decision. The FRL Basic Science will be held in the Winter 2011 (January or February).

**Presentation by the Operational Excellence Research Workgroup – Erik Lium and Jill Goldsmith**

Presenters Erik Lium and Jill Goldsmith discussed the current efforts of this workgroup. The charge to this workgroup is to “improve efficiency and effectiveness of pre-award research administration.” There is a Faculty Advisory Board, created by SOM Dean Hawgood, which meet regularly with the various Operational Excellence workgroups.

Please see circulated PowerPoint for full details of current OE Workgroup Recommendations. These are subject to alterations as the workgroup continues its weekly meetings. The committee has invited the presenters to return at a later date to provide an update.

Overall, while some members agreed there were advantages to centralization, they wondered about ownership of the pre-award process and also how would that person be funded (i.e., another campus-wide tax)?

**Discussion of Issues the Committee Should Proactively Address**

Vice Chair J. Moskowitz raised questions of the merger with RAP. She will partner with member M. Johnson, who was involved with discussions last year, to insure that COR concerns are still being met.

Member Blegen raised issues of the UCSF clinical database (REDCap) that is not compatible with the SON systems. Chair Henry also discussed the different grant databases being explored by various
different departments. While it’s important to make everything streamlined and efficient; however, Chair Henry noted, that can be taken too far.

Member Cuenco mentioned technology resources for clinical researchers. A survey went about over the summer to explore technology used: iPods and SmartPhones, etc. DorAnne’s suggestion would be that clinical researchers and clinicians to work together. D. Cuenco wondered if there was, on the UCSF website, a clinicaltrials.gov type of pathway? Is this something that can be created?

COR members C. Kaplan and V. Singh will partner with D. Cuenco in exploring technology issues.

There may be a bigger synergistic system that emerges, in connection with member Blegen’s questions: while D. Cuenco’s questions deal with data storage, M. Blegen’s database questions deal with outcome.

Chair Henry also invited those members who are passionate about specific matters to take the lead on these items within the committee.

**Discussion of Proposed Campus License Income Distribution Plan for Unpatented Software**

Member Humfleet led a discussion on the proposal.

Members raised the issue that if software if funded federal sources then it is part of the public domain. However if there were further versions (created on the P.I.s own time) then those further versions can earn money. Members present at the meeting agreed with the proposal as written, which they saw as making formal something that has been ongoing through OTM on a case-by-case basis.

ACTION: Analyst Cleaver will draft a letter of recommendation to the OTM Task Force.

**Old Business**

Chair Henry discussed the Annual Report 2009-2010 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 Henry adjourned the meeting at 12:40pm.

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