MINUTES
Monday, December 5, 2011


ABSENT: J. Hahn, L. Julian, C. Kaplan, M. West

GUESTS: D. Berman, Deputy Director, ITS, and H. Alden, Executive Director, UCSF Academic Senate Office

The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Moskowitz on December 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in room CL-220. A quorum was present at 10:05am.

Chair’s Announcements

Chair Moskowitz went over the new Patent Agreement that faculty are being asked to sign. She requested sign it if they haven’t already.

Vice Chair Nagarajan commented on the complexities faced by faculty when discussing potential patent projects in development with the Technology Transfer Office (TTO). Chair Moskowitz advised that this should be a separate and new conversation raised with the TTO, so as to encourage entrepreneurship and development over time of new ideas.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting were approved. They will be posted to the Senate website by the Academic Senate office.

Funding of Senate Grants Fall 2011 Cycle

Analyst Cleaver provided an overview of the current status of the Senate’s endowment funds. Guest Heather Alden, Academic Senate Executive Director, provided a historical background as to why the Senate doesn’t cover salary for grants. Committee members want to develop a communication to request that future endowments be permitted to provide salary support.

In reviewing the 90 of 174 grants that the Senate’s Committee on Research is eligible to fund, members determined that a score of 3.8 was the cut-off for Senate funding.

Overall, the Senate can fund up to 19 grants (at $30,000 each). However those grants must fall under the endowment fund categories. Members selected grants fitting those criteria. The endowments which fund “general research” will be used as needed.
RAP Discussion
Chair Moskowitz raised the ongoing review issue of Pilot grant applications being viewed as if they're RO1s. There is also the issue of people with K Awards being viewed as "not needing additional funding"; COR members determined that such a mindset doesn't match the current economic climate.

On the RAP Review Committees, member Foster commented that the composition of the new mHealth Review Committee lacked someone with sufficient technology background to score the technical grants accurately. There also seemed to be some inherent lower scoring of women applicants vs. those of male applicants. COR members would like RAP to seek out a new mHealth Review Committee member with a deeper technical- or technology-based knowledge.

APeX Impact on Research – Doug Berman, Deputy Director, ITS

Guest Berman provided an overview of how the implementation of APeX on the clinical side of the UCSF enterprise, will affect the research mission. Please refer to the provided PowerPoint for future information. (Attachment 1)

CHR Subcommittee

Chair Moskowitz has signed off on the letter and it will be routed to the CHR Chair before the end of the year. The CHR Chair will be invited to a future COR meeting to discuss training and consistency of reviews.

If members have any other comments, please route them to Analyst Cleaver so they can be incorporated into the letter.

Old Business

Member Gansky commented on the Pre-award Survey recently delivered via Survey Monkey. This survey is examining how recipients have been impacted by the pre-award OE changes. Member Gansky said initial analysis shows that the survey pool is too small.

Member Gansky asked that if other COR members receive the survey to please fill it out.

New Business
None.

Chair Moskowitz adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.

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