Committee on Research  
Srikantan Nagarajan, PhD, Chair

MINUTES  
Monday, January 28, 2013

* by phone

ABSENT:  L. Dunn, D. Fried, A. Jain, C. Kaplan, J. Moskowitz

GUESTS:  Gretchen Kiser, Director, Research Development Office

The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Nagarajan on January 28, 2013 at 10:09 am in room S 18. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes  
The minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting were approved as amended. They will be posted to the Senate website by the Academic Senate office.

Chair’s Announcements – Sri Nagarajan
Chair Nagarajan discussed the Mission Bay Academic Building plans. Members discussed ongoing issues arising from the plan, including institutional support, fiscal and storage issues, and plans for other buildings (C- and U-buildings).

The Academic Senate has drafted several Communications to the administration on the plans, and is maintaining an open Communication on the Senate homepage. Faculty are encouraged to review the open letter and contribute comments.

Members discussed adding a checkbox to the comments section asking how important an office is for the respondents. COR has created a subcommittee to continue exploring this. Subcommittee members are: J. Hahn, M. Springer, S. Nagarajan, D. Xu, and P. Flood.

Research Development Office Overview – Gretchen Kiser, Director, RDO
Gretchen Kiser, Director, RDO provided an overview of the various projects and campus-wide initiatives handled by the Research Development Office. UCSF doesn’t have a sponsored Research Office, but it does have a virtual office that is associated with the RDO.

Old Business  
Member Gansky updated the committee about the Clinical Research Initiative and its requirement of feasibility analysis for intervention studies. He asked that committee members update his running list of organizations which already provide scientific review for funded grants.
Members will continue to update this list and have something deliverable ready by the February 2013 meeting.

**New Business**
Members discussed the possibility of funding WOS faculty through the RAP program. They requested additional information—in the form of examples—of such situations where this might arise. These faculty are separate from the VAMC or other UCSF affiliates, who are funded.

Analyst Cleaver will provide a list to COR members (via email) of which endowments were used in the last funding cycle and the number of people funded. Almost all endowment needs were met. The Senate’s stomach research endowment is still being under utilized.

The Senate will do one more cycle of the Special Eye Research Grant of $50K in the Spring 2013.

Chair Nagarajan adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

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