Committee on Research
Srikantan Nagarajan, PhD, Chair

MINUTES
Monday, September 10, 2012


ABSENT: L. Dunn, P. Flood, S. Kools, K. Lee

The Committee on Research was called to order by Chair Nagarajan on September 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in room N-617. A quorum was present at 10:10 a.m.

Chair’s Announcements
Introductions were made around the room.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the May 2012 meeting were approved with a correction to attendance. They will be posted to the Senate website by the Academic Senate office.

Charge to the Committee
Chair Nagarajan went over the charge to the committee as dictated by Senate bylaws. He also went over the regular business of the committee. This includes evaluating grants for funding (as scored by RAP Review Committees), awarding Faculty Research Lectures, and primarily evaluating and advising on UCSF research policies and proposed changes to such policies.

Chair Nagarajan advised committee members that they will be requested to serve on task forces and other committees as needed, especially on limited opportunity research initiatives, as driven by the Office of Research. When such Limited Submission Requests arise, Chair Nagarajan will contact relevant members and request their review expertise.

Of particular interest in the past academic year, and which is continuing this year, is working with both the Research Advisory Board and the Committee on Human Research to insure policies are streamlined and benefiting, not hindering, faculty research efforts.

Analyst Cleaver advised she would send out a document to new members requesting specialties so as to advise the RAP Administrator of potential new review members for their committees.

Important Dates & Deadlines
Chair Nagarajan went over the dates and deadlines, and requirements that are important to the functioning of the committee.
Expected Workload/Contributions
Chair Nagarajan advised members that during the course of the academic year, the committee routinely is asked to review Systemwide documents pertaining to research policy. If a prolonged examination is requested, the Committee creates a subcommittee to handle that.

Separately, based on priorities or topics for discussion during the 2012-2013 academic year, COR creates subcommittees to focus on these matters in depth. These COR subcommittees provide regular updates to COR at large. Analyst Cleaver also provides support to these subcommittees.

Topics of Discussions for the 2012-2013 Academic Year
1. Operational Excellence Updates and Q&A Sessions
   a. COR requests that Associate Vice Chancellor Hildebrand-Zanki returns to provide answers and to field inquiries on the following:
      i. Appeals process and recourse for faculty with problematic pre-award analysts
      ii. Biosketch changes
      iii. Communication issue overall between administration and faculty
      iv. Communication between pre- and post-award especially progress reports
      v. Consistency, training, and work distribution among pre-award analysts and clusters
      vi. Evaluation metrics for survey and recipients of second-round survey
      vii. Subcontracts

2. Communication between COR and their departments
   a. The Senate requests that COR members increase the communication flow between themselves and their departments. The Senate is interested in hearing issues that arise at the departmental level and wants to insure it’s addressing such concerns.

3. Clinical Research Infrastructure Initiative Rollout and Impact on Faculty
   a. Issues raised by COR in Spring 2012 were supported and followed up by the Senate’s Committee on Academic Freedom (CAF).
   b. COR requests another presentation by AVC Hildebrand-Zanki which explains the changes made by her team in light of issues raised by both COR and CAF.

4. Subcommittee on Committee on Human Research
   a. COR will continue its partnership with CHR to improve the review process.

5. Infrastructure creation to Support Implementation of OAP and UCSF
   a. How will this be implemented
   b. For funds to publish in an OA journal, can the Senate have a pool of money to pull from?
   c. Can COR draft a communication to develop a stronger UCSF capacity to handle participation in Open Access Journals?
   d. COR requested training on the process of making the copyright transfer agreement be done?
   e. The goal is not to duplicate infrastructure but to address/support faculty members who don’t have the option traditionally to publish their work.
   f. Is the library's budget being re-apportioned to provide support for faculty OA funds?

6. Potential second visit from UCOP, VP Beckwith.

7. Other New Matters
   a. HR Operational Excellence
i. Ask AVC David Odato to address the issues. Of particular interest:
   1. There is a per-person head charge that includes WOS faculty.
   2. If you don't have indirects, then you're charged -- the money comes out
      of a faculty member's research grants.

b. Role of COR as related to Limited Submission Opportunities?
   i. How does that process work at a departmental level and who decides?
   ii. Should COR be more involved in the procedures -- or should RAB?

   c. Global Health Initiatives
      i. Request overview from Jaime Sepulveda and the update on changes to that field.

   d. IT charges and Issues and Costs to Faculty.

**Old Business**
None.

**New Business**
Analyst Cleaver will distribute the draft COR Follow-up Survey to determine ROI on distributed grants.

Chair Nagarajan adjourned the meeting at 11:47pm.

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