



## **Committee on Research**

### **Annual Report 2001-2002**

**James Cleaver, PhD  
Chair**

During the 2001-02 academic year the Committee on Research enjoyed a productive year during which it met eight times. The Committee's work was augmented by the use of electronic communications to gather data and facilitate communication amongst Committee members. The Committee devoted three meetings to the review and awarding of Individual Investigator and Shared Equipment grants. Remaining meetings were dedicated to the discussion and review of policy issues and to the selection of the Faculty and Distinguished Clinical Research Lecturers.

Issues reviewed and acted on by the Committee included:

- Review of application procedures and guidelines for Individual Investigator and Shared Equipment Grants
- Selection of the first and second recipients of the UCSF "Distinguished Clinical Research Lectureship"
- Review of Committee Bylaws
- Review of Professional Research Series Salary Increase
- Review of Proposed Creation of a Non-ORU Center for Health and Community
- Selection of 45<sup>th</sup> Faculty Research Lecturer.
- Awarding of 47 Academic Senate Travel Grant Awards, totaling \$22,862.22.
- Awarding of ten (10) Shared Equipment Grants, totaling \$480,211.13.
- Awarding of twenty-five (25) Individual Investigator Grants, totaling \$824,471.76.

### **Systemwide Issues**

During the academic year, various system-wide issues were discussed at the University-Wide Committee on Research Policy (UCORP) meetings which took place during the months of October through June. The topics as reported to the membership were as follows:

- Ongoing Discussion of UC-Wide Research Opportunities and Initiatives



- Ongoing Discussion of Structure of Divisional Committees on Research
- Regular Updates from the California Digital Library
- Ongoing Discussion of Copyright Policies
- Ongoing Discussion of the Research Environment at the University of California (<http://www.ucop.edu/senate/reports.html>)

## Campus Issues

### Professional Research Salary Increase

Vice-Chair Ratcliffe led a sub-committee which reviewed a proposal to increase Professional Research Series salaries. Committee members Jon Levine and Wendy Max also participated in this sub-committee.

The Committee supported the intent of the proposal to mandate parity between the salary scales of the Professional Research Series and the Professor Series, but questioned the feasibility of the transition period for implementation of this parity outlined in the proposal. The Committee believed that the cost of implementing salary increases can only be absorbed over a period of five years (rather than the recommended three) to allow faculty dependent on five-year grants to incorporate salary increases in the renewal of these grants. A final response to this proposal was communicated to Academic Senate Chair Dan Bikle. (Attachment 1).

### Proposal for Non-ORU Center for Health and Community

The Committee reviewed the proposal for the creation of a Non-ORU Center for Health and Community, submitted by Nancy Adler, PhD. The Committee has been asked to lead a task force consisting of members of the Graduate Council and APB to review this proposal. Mark Ratcliffe, Committee Vice-Chair lead the sub-committee to consider this proposal. Committee members Betty Davies and Lenore Pereira volunteered to assist with this review. The sub-committee presented recommendations regarding this proposal to the entire Committee.

The Committee communicated a final report on its review of the proposal to Daniel Bikle, PhD, Chair of the Academic Senate. (Attachment 2)

### Bylaw Revision



The Committee reviewed its bylaws to reflect current practice and communicated to the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction the need to codify within Committee on Research bylaws a membership of at least 23. This number has increased over the past year due to an unprecedented number of grant applications which require detailed review by the Committee.

### ***Grants and Awards***

#### ***Individual Investigator Grants***

The Committee accepted applications for Individual Investigator grants during two rounds of funding: in the Fall and in the Spring. Of 68 applications received, requesting a total of \$2,163,740.44, 25 were funded to a total of \$824,471.76.

#### ***Shared Equipment Grants***

The Committee reviewed twenty-one applications for Shared Equipment grants requesting a total of \$915,861.96. The Committee approved a total of ten (10) grants in the total amount of \$480,211.13. Due to the large number of fundable grant applications, grants were funded less 10% of amount requested.

#### ***Travel Grants***

The Committee awarded a total of 47 travel grants, in the amount of \$22,862.22.

#### ***44<sup>th</sup> Faculty Research Lecture Award***

The Faculty Research Lectureship has been awarded for the past forty-four years to a member of the UCSF faculty for outstanding achievements in scientific research. The Committee received very impressive and competitive nominations for the Academic Senate's 45<sup>th</sup> Faculty Research Lecture Award. Following careful consideration of all of the nominations, the Committee unanimously approved the selection of Jay Levy, PhD as the 45<sup>th</sup> Faculty Research Lecturer.

#### ***Distinguished Clinical Research Lectureship***

The Distinguished Clinical Research Lectureship was created by the Committee in the academic year 2000-2001 and approved by the Academic Senate. This lecture will honor the achievements of a UCSF faculty member in the area of clinical investigation that has had a direct impact on patient care. This lectureship will parallel the prestige of the Faculty Research Lecture, which has traditionally been awarded to basic scientists.



The Committee received and reviewed several outstanding nominations for both the first and second Distinguished Clinical Research Lectureships. The Committee selected Steve Cummings, MD, FACP as the 1<sup>st</sup> Distinguished Clinical Research Lecturer. The Committee selected Neal Benowitz, MD as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Distinguished Clinical Research Lecturer.

*Issues for the 2002-03 Academic Year*

- The Committee will remain active in its consideration of the Petition for UCSF Policy Not to Accept Tobacco Industry Research Funding
- The Committee will extensively revise and update guidelines for Individual Investigator and Shared Equipment Grants.
- The Committee will continue to respond to requests from the Chair of the Academic Senate to review issues as they arise.
- The Committee will actively ongoing development of the Mission Bay site.

Respectfully submitted,

**Committee on Research**

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