

**Annual Report: Academic Year 2011-12
Davis Division: Academic Senate**

Committee on Research

Total Meetings: 8	Meeting frequency Approx. 3 meetings/quarter	Average hours of committee work each week: 4 hours
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<p>Total Grant Proposals Reviewed: Small Grants (2K): 150 Large Grants (10-25K) New Initiative/Collaborative Interdisciplinary: 66 Travel Grants (\$800): 372 (FY 2011-12)</p> <p>Research Grant Proposals Approved for Funding in 2011-12: Small Grants (2K): 147 Large Grants (10-25K) New Initiative/Collaborative Interdisciplinary: 18 Travel Grants (\$800): 372 (FY 2011-12)</p>	Total of reviewed grant proposals deferred from the previous year: 0	Total projects deferred to the coming academic year: None.
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Listing of bylaw changes proposed: **None**

Listing of committee policies established or revised: ***Funding cutoffs for all programs will be determined by availability of funds. The committee will examine the policies again during the 2012-2013 academic year and will consider other revisions.***

Issues considered by the committee:
 COR received and discussed the following reports and proposals from other Academic Senate or administrative committees and provided comments and responses for each of them as appropriate:

1. PPM 200-45: Pre-Purchasing System Review
2. Campus Email Committee Report

3. Draft Guide to Research Compliance
4. Proposed New Policy: APM 668, Negotiated Salary Program
5. UC Davis Athletics Strategic Audit 2011
6. UCD PPM 290-82: Boating Safety
7. Report from Consortium of Women in Research
8. Human Subject Exemption Form
9. Proposal to Temporarily Delete and Revise PPM 220-01: Organized Research Units
10. Interdisciplinary Frontiers Program
11. Campus Research Investments in Science and Engineering (RISE) Program
12. Proposed Revision to Davis Division Bylaw 28(H): Committees of the Davis Division: General Provisions
13. UCORP: Task Force on Principles, Process and Assessment of UC Systemwide Research Investments
14. Review of UC Observatories
15. New Budget Model: Indirect Cost Recovery Whitepaper
16. Indirect Cost Return Memo
17. Benefits Decentralization Whitepaper
18. Special Committee on Athletics Report
19. Proposed Revisions to Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) Section 230-05: Public Health Services Regulations on Objectivity in Research

Recommended procedural or policy changes for the coming year: None.

COR Items Discussed/Reviewed During 2011-12:

The Committee on Research dealt with a number of issues of substantial importance to the campus during the 2011-2012 academic year. The Committee on Research Chair attended Senate Executive Council meetings, Representative Assembly meetings, and Provost Senate Chair's meetings. The Vice Chancellor for Research (or a representative from his office) regularly attended Committee on Research Policy meetings and provided information and updates on campus and systemwide issues, including the ongoing reorganization of the Office of Research.

2012-2013 COR Grant Awards

The Committee on Research Grants (CoRG) subcommittee awarded 147 Small Grants in Aid and 18 New Initiative/Collaborative Interdisciplinary Grants to Promote Extramural Funding. The committee also awarded 372 Research Travel Grants during the 2011-2012 academic year. The relative distribution of monies across campus remained consistent with an approximately 50/50 distribution between the "hard" and "soft" disciplines. Travel grants remain the first priority of the grants program. Overall, the Committee on Research was able to award all small grant and travel grant applications and stay within budget.

However, any further budget reductions will make it nearly impossible for the committee to sustain its grant programs. Over the last four academic years, the Committee on Research budget has been reduced cumulatively by **\$442,845.00**.

Committee on Research Grant Report

In May 2012 a report was sent to Provost Hexter, Chancellor Katehi, and Vice Chancellor Lewin regarding the success of the Committee on Research grants program. The report was also distributed to the Senate membership and presented at an Executive Council meeting. Overall, the COR grants program has been a resounding success. Both the small and large grant programs have helped UCD faculty to win outside grants, publish books and articles, perform creative work, present research at conferences, and get favorable publicity in the mainstream press. The large grant program has served its intended purpose of helping faculty acquire the data they need to get larger, externally funded grants. In June, Provost Hexter sent a response to Chair Olmsted acknowledging the grant program's positive effect on professors' morale at a time when the campus faces difficult institutional challenges and applauds the grant program for demonstrating the immense usefulness of these awards to the faculty.

Respectfully submitted,

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