Committee on Research
Friday, March 9, 2012
10:00 – 12:00 PM
Social Sciences and Humanities Building
Room 1131

Meeting Summary

Note: *All proposal & supplemental information is posted on the COR page in ASIS (http://asis.ucdavis.edu/).*

Guests: No guests.

Meeting Topics

1. Approval of January 24 Meeting Summary
   ACTION: approved.

2. UCORP Report—Sally McKee
   UCORP has been discussing the UC Observatories and the 80/20 split appointments for the faculty appointed at the UC Observatories.

3. Systemwide Review of the UC Observatories **(posted on ASIS whiteboard)**
   The majority of COR has no objection to continuing with the 80/20 split appointments. COR understands that UCO will have to undertake some budget reductions and hopes that there is appropriate faculty oversight during the process.
   ACTION: Response will be drafted and submitted. COMPLETED

4. Proposal to Establish PPM 290-82: Boating Safety **(posted on ASIS whiteboard)**
   Overall, the committee stands by their original response with the following additional recommendation:
   - There is no provision in the proposed policy for faculty involvement or oversight regarding safety inspection of boats used for research. COR unanimously agrees that there should be faculty participation and oversight in this process similar to the advisory committees for Environmental Health & Safety (E&HS) on the campus.

   ACTION: Response will be drafted and submitted. COMPLETED

5. New Budget Model: Indirect Cost Recovery Whitepaper **(posted on ASIS whiteboard)**
   The proposal has already been approved for the next fiscal year. COR notes the following concerns/issues:

   - Clearly, there was not proper Senate consultation during the process.
   - The concern is that if money goes back to the Deans that it will go into a large pool and departments (the units that generate the money) will never see any of it.
   - The Provost's Office should do a modeling of what this new process would look like for departments after this has been implemented.

- COR notes that the original motivation from the Blue Ribbon Committee on Research was to return ICR funds to the departments, not the Dean's Offices. Returning funds to the Deans does not achieve the goals of the Blue Ribbon committee.
- It would be an incentive for faculty to go out and get external funding if they knew the funds were coming back to their department.

Office of Research Update – Vice Chancellor Harris Lewin

1. **RISE and IFP Programs**
   The RISE call for proposals was sent out the first week of February. The Chair of the External Advisory Committee will be announced next week. The IFP (IFHA) call for proposals will go out soon and the Chair of the External Review Committee will be from the Law School.

2. **Indirect Cost Return**
   - Reimbursement for expenditures for research.
   - All ICR will be returned to the campuses from UCOP.
   - Departments will continue to get ICR as they do now but any extra ICR will go back to the Deans to be spent on the "common good."
   - This process will require the Deans to be accountable.