

**Annual Report: Academic Year 2013-2014
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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<u>Total Grant Proposals Reviewed:</u> Small Grants (2K): 169 Large Grants (10-25K): 79 Travel Grants (\$800): 376 (FY 2013-14) <u>Research Grant Proposals Approved for Funding in 2013-14:</u> Small Grants (2K): 165 Large Grants (10-25K): 14 Travel Grants (\$800): 376 (FY 2013-14)	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: **None**

- Issues considered by the committee:
1. Chemical and Lab Safety
 2. Management of Animal Facilities
 3. EH&S Rates
 4. PPM 230-07: Objectivity in Research
 5. PPM 290-50: Protective Clothing Equipment
 6. Proposed Amendment to Davis Division Bylaws 28
 7. Proposed PPM 390-55: Video Security
 8. Crocker Nuclear Lab ORU Review
 9. PPM 240-61: Distribution or Use of Investigational Drugs, Devices, or Biologics
 10. PPM 240-50: General Policy Human Research
 11. JMIE ORU Review
 12. New Composite Benefit Rates

Recommended procedural or policy changes for the coming year: ***The application process for Academic Senate Committee on Research grant programs was moved into the Academic Senate Information System (ASIS).***

COR Items Discussed/Reviewed During 2013-14:

The Committee on Research dealt with a number of issues of substantial importance to the campus during the 2013-2014 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) attended some of the Committee on Research meetings and provided information and updates on campus and systemwide issues, including the ongoing reorganization and proposed new initiatives in the Office of Research.

2014-15 COR Grant Awards:

The Committee on Research awarded 165 Small Grants in Aid and 14 New Initiative/Collaborative Interdisciplinary Grants to Promote Extramural Funding for the 2014-15 academic year. In addition, the committee awarded 376 Research Travel Grants during the 2013-14 academic year. The relative distribution of monies across campus remained consistent with an approximately 50/50 distribution between the physical and biological sciences and the social sciences and humanities. Travel grants remain the first priority of the grants program. Overall, the Committee on Research was able to award all eligible small grants and all eligible travel grant applications and stay within budget.

Management of Animal Facilities and Faculty Survey:

During the 2013-14 academic year, COR conducted a faculty survey regarding animal facilities including costs of using animals in research at UC Davis, and access to and quality of animal housing. One of COR's main charges is to advise the Division and administration on issues related to research and research policy. The committee used the responses received to draft a memo to the Chancellor demonstrating the issues that faculty are facing when trying to conduct animal research on campus. The Chancellor responded by attending one of COR's meetings during spring quarter. At that meeting, the Chancellor recommended that COR appoint a subcommittee to further examine the issues surrounding animal facilities and costs. Unfortunately, the COR subcommittee was not able to complete its work during the summer as originally planned because the rate analysis being done by BIA has not been completed. COR will continue to discuss these issues during the 2014-15 year.

EH&S Recharge Rates:

COR members had many concerns about EH&S recharge rates during the 2013-14 academic year. The committee sent a memo to Senate Chair Nachtergaele opposing the increase in recharge rates. In addition, the committee requested justifications for the increased rates and never received a response. Furthermore, the campus policy (UC Davis Policy and Procedure Manual 340-25 – Recharge Activities) does not allow for faculty or Senate consultation. In addition, the campus Recharge Rate Committee is comprised solely of staff and administrators. According to the Detailed Guidelines for Recharge

Activities document posted on the BIA web site, recharge rates are either approved by BIA or the Dean/Vice Provost/Vice Chancellor. In other words there is no shared governance when it comes to setting recharge rates. COR was very concerned because the increase in rates came at a time when faculty are facing significant reductions in State and Federal grant support. COR requested that the memo stating opposition be shared with the Provost.

In May 2014, a meeting was convened with the Academic Senate leadership, COR Chair, the Provost, and several others from the administration. Based on the strong opposition by COR and the significant concerns of the faculty, the Provost implemented a one year amnesty program for the EH&S chemical and lab safety recharge rates. Additionally, in fall quarter 2014, the Committee on Research (COR) will follow-up with the Provost, Vice Chancellor Lewin, and BIA to initiate a discussion/dialogue regarding indirect cost rates and campus recharge rates. This will allow COR to provide feedback and will also allow the full Davis Division of the Academic Senate to be involved in discussions regarding campus recharge rates before actions are taken to increase any of the rates. In addition, the overall recharge rate process should be discussed and the Academic Senate should be consulted regarding any revisions to policy or proposed increases. At a very minimum COR and Committee on Planning and Budget should be involved in these discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

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