

**Minutes
Committee on Research
March 10, 2009**

The Committee on Research (COR) met on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, from 2-3:30 p.m. in 307 Kerr Hall.

Present: Phokion Kolaitis (Chair), Stephanie Casher (ASO staff), Shaowei Chen, Donka Farkas, Carla Freccero, Judit Moschkovich, Holger Schmidt, Lewis Watts, and Meg Wilson.

Absent with notice: Sriram Shastry

The minutes of February 24, 2009, were approved.

Chair's Announcements:

It was brought to the Chair's attention by the Academic Senate Office that the MRPI competition that is currently underway does not include provisions for shared governance, as outlined in the UC Compendium:

([http://www.ucop.edu/acadaff/accomp/#V.B.%20Multicampus%20Research%20Units%20\(MRUs\)](http://www.ucop.edu/acadaff/accomp/#V.B.%20Multicampus%20Research%20Units%20(MRUs)))

The Chair raised this issue at the UCORP meeting of March 9, 2009. There was lengthy discussion about this matter, including consultation with VP Steve Beckwith.

COR discussed the lack of Senate participation in the new MRU/MRPI competition, and agreed that it was problematic that the proposal review does not adhere to the Compendium, especially in the case of MRU disestablishment, but also agreed that it was too late to intervene in the MRPI competition underway. The Chair will write a letter to VCR Margon alerting him to the issue, and requesting that Senate consultation be integrated back into the process during later stages of review.

2003-04 OSP Review

The Committee discussed the 2003-04 review of the Office of Sponsored projects, to see if the recommendations made in that review had been implemented. COR would like to initiate a dialogue with the VCR and OSP on how to facilitate optimal functioning of the campus research apparatus. COR will invite Bill Clark, Director of OSP, to a future meeting to continue this discussion.

CORs at other UC Campuses

The Committee examined a spreadsheet compiled by UCORP outlining the budgets, programs, and structure of the various Committees' on Research at other campuses. The Committee noted that the UCSC COR seems to meet more frequently than other CORs. There was discussion about restructuring COR grant programs (i.e. adding a new program specifically for junior faculty or for graduate student research assistantships), and the shifting of funding priorities within currently existing grant programs. Further discussion is postponed until COR knows the full impact of any budget cuts to research funding.

Senate staff was asked to compile data on the amount of research funding COR receives *per capita*, in comparison to other UCs.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

So attests,
Phokion Kolaitis, Chair
Committee on Research