

**Minutes
Committee on Research
February 24, 2009**

The Committee on Research (COR) met on Tuesday, February 24, 2009, from 2-3:15 p.m. in 307 Kerr Hall.

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

Absent with notice: Shaowei Chen, Donka Farkas

Guest: VCR Bruce Margon.

The minutes of February 10, 2009, were approved.

Chair's Announcements

Chair Kolaitis reported on the SEC Meeting of February 10, 2009, which included discussion about the role of the Faculty Assistant to the CPEVC and discussion about the implementation of the recommendations in the report of the Joint Senate-Administrative Faculty Salary Task Force. He also pointed out that COR's feedback on the Internal High-level Indicators document was included in the revised draft letter of the Academic Senate to CPEVC Klinger.

COR/CPB Collaboration

Chair Kolaitis was invited to attend a part of the CPB meeting on February 6, 2009 in which issues related to research at UCSC were examined. The Chairs of COR and CPB agreed to meet with VCR Margon to discuss the ways in which the two committees and the Office of VCR can coordinate efforts to enhance the research profile of UCSC. In addition, COR will revisit the 2003-04 review of OSP to determine whether to recommend that another review of OSP be conducted in the near future.

Draft letter to AHR re: COR/VCR participation at New Faculty Orientation

The draft letter was approved, and Senate staff will forward to AHR.

COR Policy

The Committee discussed COR's policy concerning faculty who receive both COR funding and funding from their department or division for the same project.

Consultation with VCR Margon

VCR Margon reported on the MRU competition that is under way. So far, he is aware of six new MRU proposals where UCSC is the lead campus. There could be more such proposals that have not made it to his office yet. Letters of Intent are due on March 15th.

VCR Margon reported on the problems with the HP Lab Innovation Program. The mandatory IP requirements for the program are very problematic in terms of their implications for faculty and

graduate students; in particular, some clearly violate CA state law. Most UCs had decided not to submit proposals to this program but it now appears that HP is willing to relax their requirements to accommodate UC participation. The issues raised in dealing with this situation support the need for an IP forum on campus (see below).

The Committee inquired what plans UCSC had to go after a piece of the stimulus package. VCR Margon reported that he has been communicating daily with the VCRs at the other UC campuses about this issue. Since the money has to be spent very quickly (within two years), it appears that most of the money will go toward proposals currently under review that have yet to be funded, and proposals that just missed the cut in the last call. Since procedures have yet to be circulated, we do not know how much, if at all, UCSC will benefit from the stimulus funds for research

Update on the IGERT (Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training) competition – UCSC will be putting forward five pre-proposals.

Plans for Spring quarter IP Forum

The Committee decided to move forward with plans to organize a forum on Intellectual Property for the Spring quarter. The event will be approximately two hours, with a focus on patents, licensing, and other IP matters. Invited speakers may include Vanessa Tollefson (Acting Director of OMIP), an industry representative, a representative from OP, and faculty speakers/panelists. Senate staff will identify a date in spring quarter that does not conflict with any other large meetings/events.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

So attests,
Phokion Kolaitis, Chair
Committee on Research