

**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Research**  
**May 8, 2012**

**Present:** Scott Oliver (chair), Elisabeth Cameron, David Koo, Sri Kurniawan, Debra Lewis, Deborah Letourneau, Barbara Rogoff, Hamid Sadjadpour, Mary-Beth Harhen, Senate Director

**Absent with Notice:** Nathaniel Deutsch

**Guest:** Analyst Susan Fellows, Academic Personnel

**Chair's Announcements, Member's Items**

Chair Oliver reported that the Academic Council's response to the UCO Lick reviews will be included in the next COR agenda for information. The Academic Senate Office has committed to revamp the COR grant application interface for the next review cycle. Chair Oliver raised the question of continuing COR's intercampus travel program for data collecting and collaborations, which is rarely used. The committee affirmed the value of the program and will continue its availability.

COR member Barbara Rogoff raised the issue of the campus comprehensive campaign, noting that faculty are being invited to kick-off events. There is concern that the priorities for the campaign put a heavy emphasis on science and engineering. During outreach to faculty, a lot of other issues were identified as priorities such as social justice and cultural diversity. COR agreed to place this item on a future agenda.

**UCSC Wi-Fi Draft Policy**

Information Technology Services (ITS) proposes a new Wi-Fi Policy that restricts "user installed access points" in areas that are served by the Campus Wi-Fi. ITS has developed a campus wireless network and wants to eliminate non-campus wireless hubs. COR noted that research requires secure, reliable access to a wi-fi network. If it is not provided in areas where research is done, then faculty must set up their own networks. The current Cruznet is not a secure network, and faculty report having difficulty logging onto the new Eduroam network. Since the campus Wi-Fi coverage is not consistent, it is unlikely individuals with "rogue" hubs will be quick to get rid of them. In fact, they are an important part of many research groups' activities. Further, activation of additional Ethernet jacks may be cost prohibitive for many researchers. COR will seek clarification about notifications that would go to hub users since the policy simply says they shall be removed. COR also recommends the policy include a mechanism to allow for exceptions. ITS should be working with hub users to get them on the campus network. Presenting the advantages of using the campus system would be more helpful and more likely to engage faculty in the change. COR will provide a written response to the draft policy.

**COR Grant Adjudication**

COR had requested clarification of the budgets of two SRG grant applications which were reviewed. The committee then finalized both SRG and FRG award recipients.

**Adjunct Professor Series CAPM 512.280-Consultation with APO Analyst Susan Fellows**

Analyst Fellows opened by explaining that the proposed changes to the adjunct professor series were motivated by both the Administrative Task Force identification of academic title procedures that could be streamlined and the Senate Committee on Academic Personnel (CAP) questioning the value added for Senate review of Adjunct appointments without duties, without salary and with no expectation that they will move through the ranks. The current number of Adjuncts is around 105, about 98 of which are without salary (WOS) appointments. Most will never get a salary, but if some extramural funds are available, or if they teach, they are paid at their adjunct rank. The APM policy for adjuncts sets funding restrictions on this title – no appointment can be state-funded more than 50% of the percentage of their appointments. This has not been the practice on our campus, and these proposed changes conform with the systemwide APM. The expectation is that Adjuncts will get extramural funding for their salaries. She noted the clear distinction of appointments WOS would not go to CAP, but salaried appointments would get Senate review.

COR noted a potential problem with the proposed changes. Adjuncts WOS are appointed at rank, but not given a step. If they apply for grants — which is usually the expectation for this series — without a designated step, it is difficult for OSP to know the base salary to use. COR will provide a written response to APO.