Minutes
Committee on Research
November 8th, 2011

The Committee on Research met at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 in 61 Kerr Hall.

Present: Scott Oliver (chair), Elisabeth Cameron, Nathaniel Deutsch, Sri Kurniawan, Deborah Letourneau, Hamid Sadjadpour, David Koo, Kim Smith (ASO)
Absent: Barbara Rogoff, Debra Lewis
Guest: VC P&B Peggy Delaney (3 to 3:30pm)

Chair’s Announcements
- There is a Senate Meeting tomorrow from 2-5 pm, if anyone would like to attend.
- Lawrence Livermore Lab has a new director – Penrose Allbright, their 11th Director.
- Memo from Yudof announcing the 4th Annual Report on the production of plutonium pits. COR discussed how this is purely astronomy based and not weapons based. They need plutonium for next mission to Mars – it creates heat and is then used to generate electricity.
- SEC meeting this morning – discussed re-benching. Subject will come back later.
- MRI proposal is due to Bruce by Dec 9th by 5pm.
- Can we improve the connectivity in Kerr Hall? Committee members cannot access web.
- SEC meeting – Discussed was a Faculty Mentorship Program (FMP). Scott wanted to know if COR had ever heard of the program. The students get a lot of attention – 1 faculty per one student.

General Topics

1. Minutes Approval

COR approved the Minutes for October 11th and October 25th

2. FRGs (two for review)

COR approved Patch application, and temporarily suspended a decision for Kang based on an incomplete application. Kang was vague about money allocations. Analyst and Chair to send Kang an email to ask for additional information.
• Discussion on improving our application process so that guidelines are very clear and possibly adding fields/tabs where applicants know for sure to enter their allocated hours and information.

3. Acquiring a Student Representative

Before jumping right into seeking a change for their charge, COR would like to invite a grad student to a few of their meetings to analyze the benefit of having one on-going. Analyst will put a request into GSAA.

4. Consultation: VC P&B Peggy Delaney

VP Delaney provided a handout and ½ hour presentation on UCSC’s Operation Budget Overview for 2011-2012. She encouraged COR to also look at planning@ucsc.edu for the Bird’s Eye View online budgetary information as well as the online calculator.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

So Attests,

Scott Oliver, Chair
Committee on Research (COR)