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Committee on Research
April 16, 2013

Present: Scott Oliver (chair), Elisabeth Cameron, David Koo, Sri Kurniawan, Debra Lewis, Fitnat Yildiz, Matt Robinson (Committee Analyst), Mary-Beth Harhen (Senate Director)

Absent with Notice: Nathaniel Deutsch, Barbara Rogoff, Andrew Smith (GSA)

Committee Business
Chair Oliver provided a brief update on the search for a new Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR). Candidates will be participating in off-campus interviews over the next two weeks.

Reconsideration of FRG Allowable Expenses
COR reconsidered two 2013-14 FRG awards that had included budget item requests for subscription costs. One request was determined to be a valid expense for the faculty member to gather data for research. The other expense was determined to technically be an expense for membership in a particular society, for which COR funds may not be used.

Intercampus Travel Grant Clarification
Currently, COR offers travel support in two forms: Scholarly Meeting Travel (SMT) and Intercampus Travel. The Intercampus program shares an application form with the SMT program but has much broader guidelines. The committee agreed to review and revise the Intercampus Travel Grant guidelines at a future meeting.

Post-Consultation Discussion for VCR Margon
During its April 2nd meeting, COR met with VCR Margon regarding the content of the committee’s response during the Senate review of the Office of Research (OR) Self-Study. The committee discussed the contents of that consultation as well as follow-up correspondence between the VCR and the Senate Chair. Central to the discussion was the work to be done to ensure a positive relationship between the new VCR and next year’s COR.

Pre-Consultation for EVC Galloway
COR will meet with the EVC during its May 14 meeting to discuss the distribution formula for indirect cost revenue brought to campus from faculty grants. The advantages of increasing COR’s budget were discussed, including: support of junior faculty; seed funding for new research; peer-reviewed grant process; ability of COR funding to bridge gaps appearing in external funding; and the transparent reporting of COR’s budget. The committee also discussed the possibility of reserving a percentage of the indirect cost revenue to return directly to the Principal Investigators (PIs) that bring in the grants. COR will continue this conversation at its next meeting.
COR Review of Proposed Revised APM 600 Series: Salary Administration

COR was asked to comment on the proposed revised APM Section IV, Salary Administration (APM 600 Series). There were 20 different policies involved in the proposed revision, including APM 290, Regents’ Professors and Regents’ Lecturers and APM 510, Intercampus Transfer. The committee was frustrated by the lack of detail in the proposed revisions. The 80-page packet was not clear on which sections were being revised and in what way. COR did not offer an opinion on the revisions due to this lack of detail and poor presentation and recommended to SEC that the Academic Council not accept the changes and ask for a more detailed proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm