

MINUTES
Committee on Research
April 30, 2013

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

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

Committee Business

Chair Oliver updated the committee on the interview process for the new Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR) candidates. Six candidates visited the Santa Cruz area for airport interviews and two finalists have been identified. The two finalists will give presentations and field questions on campus on May 2 and May 7.

The committee discussed the equipment inventory process at UCSC. For equipment valued at \$5,000 or higher, custodians are required to complete an inventory every other year but UCSC asks for this to be done every year. The process is time-consuming could be made more efficient or paperless. COR agreed to press for more efficiency and divisional consistency in this process.

Member Koo reported on the questions he and UCO drafted for the upcoming UCORP meeting with Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies (VPRGS) Beckwith. The interim director of UC Observatories, Professor Sandra Faber, is also attending the next UCORP meeting.

Member Lewis reported on the April 24 Advisory Committee for Information Technology (ACIT) meeting. ACIT considered the January 2013 UC Privacy and Information Security Initiative Steering Committee Report to the President. The plan, which calls for a systemwide privacy policy as well as campus privacy officers, will be phased in over the next several years.

Intercampus Research Travel Fund

The committee continued its discussion of the Intercampus Research Travel Fund and proposed multiple revisions to the existing guidelines. Using similar programs on other UC campuses as guides, the committee decided to limit Intercampus Research Travel Awards to \$250 per trip. Under the proposed new guidelines, each faculty member may apply for one trip every other year. A graduate student sponsored by a member of the Academic Senate may receive an Intercampus Research Travel Award but this will count as the sponsoring faculty's biennial award. Also proposed was a 14-day advance application and post-travel deadline. COR will consider an updated set of guidelines at its next meeting.

Pre-consultation for EVC Galloway

COR continued the discussion of the distribution of indirect cost receipt (ICR) revenue on campus. Currently, 36% of the ICR brought in each year becomes the University Opportunity Fund (UOF). Out of this fund, COR receives 5%, which currently comprises nearly the committee's entire grant budget. The VCR receives 15% of the UOF, and COR would like to present a case to the EVC for a new division of these funds.

The committee also discussed the possibility of directing a portion of the UOF back to the faculty who secure the extramural grants that generate the ICR. Currently, 40% of the UOF is directed to the Academic Divisions. COR believes that a portion of this 40% can be reserved for individual faculty Principal Investigators (PIs). The funds that currently go to the Divisions are intended to be for research support, and this would be a more direct means of achieving that goal in addition to facilitating research and costs to PIs that cannot be applied to federal awards.

COR will consult with the EVC during its May 14 meeting. The committee will also submit a report on this re-thinking of the ICR distribution for the May 29 Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm