To Be Adopted

Proposed Change to Bylaw 8.20 Committee on Research

PRESENT

8.20.1 The Committee consists of at least seven members. The Chair normally also serves on the University Committee on Research Policy. (Am 5 Feb 87)

8.20.2 It is the duty of this committee to formulate and recommend to the Chancellor and to inform the Division on:

8.20.2.1 General policies, not otherwise provided for by University policy, concerning the research activities on the Riverside campus that are supported by funds at the disposal of this committee or by extramural subsidies;

8.20.2.2 Budgetary needs for support of research in the Division

8.20.2.3 It serves as campus agent in reviewing applications from eligible staff members for support from intramural-research funds, research travel funds, or other research monies for which the committee may be made responsible. It recommends allocation of these funds to applicants within the limits of University policies governing the grants. (Am 9 Oct 69)

PROPOSED

8.20.1 The Committee consists of at least seven members, one of whom serves as representative to the University Committee on Research Policy. It considers matters pertaining to research policy on the UC Riverside campus. (Am 5 Feb 87)

8.20.2 In addition to this general charge, it also has the following specific duties:

8.20.2.1 Advise the Academic Senate on general policies and budgetary needs concerning research activities that are supported by the funds at the disposal of this committee.

8.20.2.2 Cooperate with the Office of Research to advise on the pre-selection of campus nominees or applicants for research contracts/grants from foundations and other granting agencies that restrict the number of proposals submitted from the campus.

8.20.2.3 Review and evaluate faculty applications for support from intramural research funds, research travel funds or other research funds for which the committee may be made responsible, and to recommend allocation of these funds within the
JUSTIFICATION:

8.20.1 The current bylaw seems to define the Committee’s responsibilities residually, as concerning “General policies, not otherwise provided for by University policy, --”, which seems inconsistent with the principle of shared governance. In recent years, the Committee has devoted most of its time to the allocation of the intramural research funds at its disposal. The Committee would like to expand its charge to include “matters pertaining to research policy on the UC Riverside campus.” A sentence to this effect has been included in the proposed revision of 8.20.1.

8.20.2 The Committee wishes the proposed bylaw to give future Committees discretion concerning matters considered, while at the same time committing it to a few specific duties. The wording of the proposed bylaw reflects these aims.

8.20.2.1 As noted above, the clause in the current bylaw, “--- not otherwise provided for by University policy, concerning the research activities on the Riverside campus”, seems to be at variance with shared governance.” Also, the reference to “extramural subsidies” seems to be outdated. The proposed bylaw eliminates this phrase, and also rewords the bylaw to refer to one specific duty: “Advise the Academic Senate on general policies and budgetary needs concerning research activities that are supported by the funds at the disposal of the committee.” The intent here is that the Committee has a role in advising the Senate on the adequacy of funds at the disposal of the Committee, as well on their disposition.

8.20.2.2 The proposed clause defines a new specific duty for the Committee, to “Cooperate with the Office of Research on the pre-selection of campus nominees or applicants for research contracts/grants from foundations and other granting agencies that restrict the number of proposals submitted from the campus.” This new duty has the support of the current administration.

8.20.2.3 This clause refers to the major current duty of the Committee, the allocation of intramural research funds. The current bylaw contains the outdated term “staff members” applied to faculty members. The proposed bylaw replaces “staff members” with “faculty”, and makes clear that the
Committee’s duty is not only to review and evaluate applications for intramural research funds but also to decide on the awards and to allocate the funds.

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