During the 2010-2011 academic year, the Committee on Research (COR) met four times before this report was filed, and expects to meet at least one to two more times before the end of the academic year.

The Committee reviewed and readopted the 2010-2011 Conflict of Interest Statement.

COR’s primary activity was to administer intramural grant competitions. COR worked towards clarifying the award criteria for the intramural research grant programs it manages and making the on-line application process clearer, easier, and less onerous.

COR developed criteria and a scoring mechanism in preparation for the review and selection of the top 8 Pac Rim grants to submit on behalf of the campus. Since there were only 8 grants submitted, the committee did not need to review and select proposals to submit.

Research grant applications received in 2010-2011 for 2011-2012 funding included: 335 Omnibus (158 Travel Only and 177 Field Research and Travel), 41 COR, and 39 Regents. COR reviewed and scored 177 Field Research and Travel applications, 39 COR applications, and 38 Regents applications.

COR discussed the review of funding streams proposal. Despite the proposal having some favorable impressions related to the transparency and local control, the committee also raised several concerns including the assessment of central operations and who exactly will determine and perform these assessments. The committee was also concerned about the disadvantage to UCR relating to graduate student growth being flat and graduate student support, fee remissions and non-resident tuition (NRT) shifting to the campuses since UCR does not collect as many graduate fees and cannot compete for NRT’s like other campuses can. The committee also discussed UCR being on the low end in terms of grant revenue, since the amount of campus tax is unknown there is no way of identifying whether this will have a negative or positive affect on the campus.

The Riverside Division was represented on the University-wide Committee on Research Policy (UCORP) by Robert Clare, a member of COR.

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