

**COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
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During the 2015-2016 academic year, the Committee on Research (CoR) met on seven occasions.

The Committee reviewed and readopted the prior year's Conflict of Interest Statement.

Additionally, the committee reviewed their bylaws and throughout the year made efforts to expand the scope of the committee in order to fully evaluate and advise on the research mission of UCR.

Issue Review Items:

Evaluation of FTC Decision regarding Aaron Sietz:

CoR was asked to review a Federal Trade Commission (FTC) ruling involving Professor Aaron Sietz. The committee found the information provided to be incomplete and potentially one-sided, and therefore decided not to make a formal comment on the case.

Resource Assessment request from Chair Wudka:

CoR was given a resource assessment request from Chair Wudka regarding the administration's faculty growth plan and its impact on research activities at UCR. The main questions presented were whether or not the campus is making appropriate preparations for these changes and, if we are not, where the deficiencies lie. The committee responded by listing areas of concern and how they can potentially negatively impact the health of research activities on campus. The issue of space will have the biggest impact on research activities due to the lack of available laboratory and office space for both new and current faculty.

CNAS Reorganization Proposal:

CoR was asked to review the CNAS reorganization proposal. The committee discussed the proposal and responded with their concerns about the reorganization. The first concern was how the proposal could negatively impact CNAS's current areas of strength and how it contradicted campus planning documents regarding the importance of maintaining and/or building on current areas of strength. Additionally, the reorganization could have an impact on already established department programs and their long-term development plans. Another important consideration is how the reorganization could create more interdepartmental competition over scarce resources and the reallocation of related space. Lastly, the proposal did not address the logistics of the reorganization. The committee ultimately recommended that the CNAS reorganization not go forward as described in the proposal.

Revised APM Policy Sections 278, 210-6, 279, 112 & New APM – 350:

CoR was asked to review the revised APM Policy Sections 278, 210-6, 279, 112 & New APM – 350. The Committee felt that clinical appointments should not come with a research component.

Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives:

CoR was asked to review the Campus Five-Year planning perspective and did not wish to opine on it.

Grants:

CoR's primary activity was to administer intramural grant competitions. CoR worked to clarify the wording of the Call for the intramural research grants and to make the online application process clearer and less onerous.

Applications Statistics 2016-2017:

Total Applications: 456

Total Funded Applications: 354

College Breakdown: (Total Funded / Total Received)

- CHASS = 174/218 (80% funded)
- BCoE = 39/53 (74% funded)
- CNAS = 101/134 (75% funded)
- SoBA = 19/26 (73% funded)
- GSoE = 13/17 (76% funded)
- SoM = 2/2(100%)
- SPP = 6/6 (100%)

Grant Type + Scoring Breakdown: (Total Funded / Total Received)

- Omnibus (237/365) (65% funded)
 - o Travel Only = (217/237) (92% funded)
 - o Research and Travel = (94/128) (73% funded)
 - Score 3 awarded \$1,800 (34)
 - Score 2.5 awarded \$1,500 (44)
 - Score 2 awarded \$1,200 (16)
- CoR (28/49) (57% funded)
 - o Score 5 awarded \$9,000 (8)
 - o Score 4.5 awarded \$6,500 (10)
 - o Score 4 awarded \$5,000 (10)
- Regents Faculty Fellowship (3/20) (15% funded)
 - o Score 4.5 awarded \$5,000 (3)
- Regents Faculty Development (11/22) (50% funded)
 - o Score 5 awarded \$7,500 (3)
 - o Score 4.5 awarded \$5,000 (8)

Total Research funds awarded for 2016-17 was \$646,154. Following several years of declining funding, three years ago CoR was allocated an increase of 20% of available funds as compared to previous years. The committee thanks former Senate Chair Wudka for making the increase to research funds a priority in the overall Senate budget.

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