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The Committee on Research (COR) accomplished the following activities during the 2001-02 academic year.

Faculty Grant Programs

Changes in policy and modifications to the various grant programs administered by the committee included:

- updating procedures to conform to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- eliminating the necessity of submitting two separate applications; faculty denied a Faculty Research or Junior Faculty Research Grant automatically will be considered for a non-competitive Research Enabling Grant (REG).
- clarifying that faculty could submit proposals under the Research Assistantship for the Humanities (RAShip) and REG programs for the same research project.
- responding to several situations arising from departments, COR amended its policy to permit faculty to replace one Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) hired under the RAShip grant for another researcher. Previously, a substitution required formal approval from the committee.
- reiterating in a memorandum to deans, chairs, and business officers policies covering COR support for computer-related hardware and software.
- activating an on-line travel grant application form
- eliminating application deadlines for intercampus travel grants to better serve the program's intent of facilitating intercampus collaborations
- clarifying that faculty on leave without pay are eligible to apply for COR research grants.

Of special note is the collaboration established with the Townsend Center for the Humanities. Faculty in the humanities may apply for a joint COR/Townsend Bridge grant. The Townsend Center agreed to provide a supplement of \$5,000 for up to 3 humanities faculty in one of the two years of a COR Bridge grant award. This initiative is intended to maximize the funds available to humanities faculty because their research interests typically require release time to pursue.

The committee commented on the following items:

- the administration proposal to expand the summer session in regard to teaching responsibilities to conform more closely to the fall and winter semesters
- draft Policy on Ownership and Use of Course Materials
- the Exceptional Principal Investigator policy, last revised in 1982
- the report of the Task Force on Administrative Infrastructure Needs in Support of Industry-University Relationships.

COR was involved in:

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- working with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to broaden the spectrum and appropriate composition of faculty in the limited submission proposal review process.
- increasing its role in research policy issues and campus resource allocation matters. The Chair was invited to attend CAPRA meetings and to participate on the joint faculty/administrative campus Strategic Planning Committee. A COR representative was appointed to the newly formed Senate Fundraising Advisory Group.

UCORP representative LaPorte continued to inform the committee of issues that are of continuing or prospective concern and would be referred to the individual campuses for comment. Because these and other issues portend implications for campus research policies, the members agreed that it would be advisable to increase the number of appointees to COR to permit the committee to focus more attention on research policy issues. A request to the Senate Committee on Committees resulted in additional appointments to the committee representing a cross-section of disciplinary areas.

COR Research Grant Activity

	<i>FRG</i>	<i>JFRG</i>	<i>RASHIP</i>	<i>REG</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
APPLICATIONS	138	52	75	879	1,144
FUNDS REQUESTED	\$ 1,053,556.00	\$ 445,187.00	\$ 174,916.00	\$ 874,799.00	\$2,548,758.00
GRANTS AWARDED	105	44	59	838	1,038
FUNDS AWARDED	\$ 556,486.00	\$ 225,609.00	\$ 120,720.00	\$ 838,219.00	\$ 1,741,033.00
APPLICATIONS DENIED	33	8	16	41	106
AVERAGE AWARD	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,127.00	\$ 2,046.00	\$ 1,000.00	

Of the 25 proposals for a Research Bridging grant, 9 were funded for a total of \$159,000. These awards are intended for mid-career faculty who will use this "seed" money to explore innovative, "experimental" areas outside their specialized research fields. Funding of this nature generally is unavailable through other sources.

COR Travel Grant Activity

438 active and emeritus faculty utilized the travel grant program to attend and present original research at professional conferences, to collaborate with colleagues or to conduct research at specialized libraries on other campuses. A total of \$285,735 was awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

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