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2003-2004  
COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH  
Berkeley Division  
Annual Report

This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the Committee on Research (COR) for 2003-2004.

**Research and Travel Grant programs and policies**

The Faculty Research, Junior Faculty Research, and RAShip grant proposal application forms were automated this year. The Research Enabling Grant process was successfully computerized in 2002-03.

Research Enabling Grant (REG) standards for review were formally developed to clarify the criteria for Senate staff to evaluate REG (non-competitive) proposals. Applications requiring further review are forwarded to the committee chair for final determination.

COR will permit faculty to hire undergraduates with a Research Assistantship for the Humanities (RAShip) grant when there are no suitable graduate candidates. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Submission of conference travel grant requests was reduced from 15 days before departure date (and by the fall or spring deadlines) to 10 days.

Given the continuing reductions in the committee's budget allocations from central campus funds, COR decided to maintain support for junior faculty, reducing the operating budget in the conference travel and the faculty research grant categories as necessary to compensate. In line with the general COR sentiment that awards should generally favor junior faculty, the budgets for each subgroup were shifted to allow for awarding a higher proportion of junior faculty requests to tenured faculty proposals.

**Research Policy and Issues:**

Building on its commitment to play a greater role in enhancing research opportunities on campus for faculty, COR, COMS and the office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR) developed an agreement on the selection of reviewers for proposals within the "limited submission" category.

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The committee heard a presentation from a member of the UCORP special committee on the National Laboratories.

COR commented on the following items:

- UC Berkeley Research Resumption Action Plan
- Revised Template for Initiative-Based Interdisciplinary Centers
- Draft Facilities Reoccupation Policies and Procedures

COR representatives served on ad hoc committees for the Hellman Faculty Fund Awards and the Laboratory Space for Emeriti.

The Division approved a by-laws change proposed by the committee to formalize the position of Vice Chair and enlarge the membership to 15 members from a minimum of 7.

### Objectives for 2004-2005:

- to continue to seek greater areas of involvement in research administration on campus and to enhance research opportunities for faculty
- to the extent possible to participate in the early planning phase of the next capital campaign to provide faculty input in setting campus fundraising priorities, especially in focusing effort on raising the endowment for the Faculty Research Fund (FRF) which COR administers