

**2005-2006
COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
Berkeley Division
Annual Report**

This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the Committee on Research (COR) for 2005-2006.

RESEARCH POLICY AND ISSUES:

COR revised its by law to give the committee a stronger voice in representing the faculty perspective on campus in regard to the research mission and issues affecting faculty. The by law now defines more clearly the committee's role in Organized Research Unit reviews, and also specifically recognizes the importance of working with other Senate committees, such as Library; Computing & Communications, and CAPRA, on matters relating to research policy and campus budget allocations.

The VC-Research meets annually with the committee to discuss issues of mutual concern. Again this year the primary areas were the Sponsored Projects Office; Disaster Preparedness; and the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS).

- The VC-Research asked for the committee's assistance in communicating to faculty the importance of backing-up research and systems. COR sent a CalMail message to all faculty, and provided resource links.

Under an MOU between the VC-Research and the Senate, the Chair of CPHS meets annually with the committee to report on CPHS activities. To improve the relationship between faculty and CPHS, COR proposed that some statistical data be provided when the CPHS Chair reports to the committee in the next academic year. COR requested that the following statistics be included in the 2006-07 report: the number of proposals submitted; accepted; and, denied, and of those denied, the number revised, resubmitted, and accepted; the percentage of proposals that were processed on a fast-track versus non fast-track basis; and, the mean turn-around time for fast-track and non-fast track proposals. For comparison, this information will be broken down into the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Physical/Biological Sciences categories. CPHS and the VC-Research will also develop an appeals process, and a mechanism for faculty to file complaints, and notify the Senate.

COR responded to 34 requests from the Office of the Vice Chancellor-Research for faculty recommendations to review "limited submission" proposals.

The Conference travel grant program was expanded to allow faculty participating as meeting discussants, panelists, commentators, organizers, and poster presenters to apply for an award.

Considerable discussion and analysis was devoted to enhancing the \$1,000 basic Research Enabling grant (REG) and conference travel program to benefit faculty. Given COR's current budget allocations, it was determined that raising the REG above \$1,000 for 2006-07 was infeasible. The committee is committed to submitting a request to the Chancellor for an augmented permanent budget allocation for FY07-08.

COMMENTED ON AND REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS, POLICIES, AND REPORTS:

- Capital Projects Review Task Force report
- Special Committee on scholarly communication draft white papers
- APM 210 revisions
- Committee on Computing & Communications proposal for minimum desktop computing requirements for faculty & GSIs
- Distinguishing between research gifts and sponsored projects grants

COR representatives served on the Business Resumption Coordinating Group; Disaster Preparedness Working Group; Research Compliance Advisory Committee; Capital Campaign; and, the Hellman Faculty Fund awards.

COR RESEARCH GRANT ACTIVITY

<i>This summary includes both the spring and fall grant cycles</i>	<i>FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT (FRG)</i>	<i>JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT (JFRG)</i>	<i>RESEARCH ASSISTANCESHIP IN THE HUMANITIES (RAH)</i>	<i>RESEARCH ENABLING GRANT (REG)</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
APPLICATIONS	117	75	43	762	992
FUNDS REQUESTED	896,779	494,410	124,474	763,471	2,279,134
GRANTS AWARDED	99	73	43	*775	994
FUNDS AWARDED	520,046	469,394	112,274	774,465	1,873,579
AVERAGE AWARD	5,253	6,430	2,389	1,000	

**This number includes "default" awards to FRG and JFRG applicants who did not receive a competitive grant under either the FRG or JFRG program.*

BRIDGING GRANTS (2006-08)

Applications:	13
Funds Requested:	277,034
Proposals Funded:	*3
Total Awarded:	59,890

**includes 2 joint Townsend Center for Humanities/COR awards*