

**BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**  
**Committee on Research**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2016-17**

This report summarizes the activities of the Committee on Research (COR) for 2016-17. The committee continued to shift its focus to its role of advising the Division and Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR) on issues relating to research policy.

**RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS**

Under the agreement reached with the Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost (EVCP) in 2014, COR received its third-year allocation of \$50,000 to offer emeritus faculty a basic level of research and conference travel support. Emeritus faculty who have a funded research program, proceeds from an endowed chair exceeding \$10,000, or other sources of funds to support research were ineligible to apply for a grant. The committee instituted the restriction to direct its limited funding to those emeriti who have little or no support otherwise. This year, 93 emeriti each received an award of \$540, up from 84 emeriti in 2015-16. As this was the third—and last—year of this commitment from the administration, the funding will likely end for 2017-18.

In spring 2017, the Mary Elizabeth Rennie Fund for epilepsy and epilepsy-related research was transferred from the Academic Senate's control to the Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute (HWNI). As most of the grants from the Rennie endowment have been awarded to faculty affiliated with the Institute, this was a logical administrative home for the funds. HWNI sent out its first call for proposals from the Rennie Fund in June 2017.

**ORGANIZED RESEARCH UNITS (ORUs)**

COR's report on ORU governance was forwarded by the Divisional Council to the VC-Research in May 2016. VCR Paul Alivisatos joined the committee's January 2017 meeting for a discussion of his plans for his first year in the office.

As part of the VCR's plans, ORU reviews were suspended for 2016-17.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

COR submitted written comments on the following issues:

- Revised version of a proposal to revise Senate Bylaw 182 regarding expansion of the scope of the University Committee on International Education (UCIE)
- Draft presidential policy on unmanned aircraft systems

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

COR also discussed the following issues:

- End-to-end research administration process review
- Animal care
- BEAR campus research funds program
- Future and amount of COR emeritus grants funding

- Proposed policy on export controls
- Reports of the Incentives Working Group

## **GUESTS**

COR welcomed the following guests to meetings in 2016-17:

Paul Alivisatos, Vice Chancellor-Research

Greg Lawson, Office of Laboratory Animal Care (OLAC)

William Sha, Chair, Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC)

Rebecca Armstrong, Office of Animal Care and Use (OACU)

Patrick Schlesinger, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Research

## **MEMBERS OF THE 2016-17 COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**

Stuart Bale, Physics, Chair

Kevin Quinn, Law, Vice Chair

Vinod Aggarwal, Political Sci./ Business

Peter Bartlett, Statistics

Roland Burgmann, EPS

John Colford, Public Health

Irina Conboy, Bioengineering

Ian Duncan, English

Edgar Knobloch, Physics

Mariska Kriek, Astronomy (fall only)

John Lott, Mathematics

Paolo Mancosu, Philosophy

Mino Moallem, Gender and Women's Studies (fall only)

Celine Pallud, ESPM

Kimmen Sjolander, Bioengineering (+UCORP)

Johan Walden, Bus. Administration

Mary Wildermuth, PMB

Division Chair Robert Powell participated as an ex-officio member.

