

BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Committee on Research
2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT – Approved

In fulfilling its charge as established in the bylaws of the Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate, the Committee on Research (COR) carried out the following activities during the 2018-19 academic year. The committee was chaired by Professor John Colford (Public Health).

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

COR received its allocation of \$50,000 to offer emeritus faculty a basic level of research and conference travel support. Emeritus faculty with a funded research program, proceeds from an endowed chair or other sources of funds exceeding \$10,000, were ineligible to apply for a grant. The committee instituted this restriction to direct its limited funding to those emeriti who otherwise would have little or no support. This year, 79 emeriti each received an award of \$630, very similar to last year's total of 78 emeriti. Funding for the emeritus grants will continue through at least 2019-20.

As a result of fundraising connected to the campus' Big Give in March, the Scheiber Faculty Research Fund will be renamed to more explicitly support research by emeriti, and a new emeritus grant will be awarded in 2019-20. Details about the grant and guidelines for proposals will be developed in summer-fall 2019.

ORGANIZED RESEARCH UNITS (ORUs)

The committee discussed the ongoing moratorium on ORU reviews with Vice Chancellor-Research Randy Katz and expressed its concerns about the lack of ORU oversight. The Vice Chancellor acknowledged the problem of ORU director succession as well as the need to get ORUs to work together and with related academic departments, but he doesn't believe that ORU reviews will resolve those issues. He asked for more time to sort through the issues and work toward solutions, rather than just re-instituting the previous system of ORU reviews.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

COR submitted written comments on the following issues:

- Reports of the Strategic Planning Working Groups
- Current State Assessment Report on the UC Systemwide Mexico Entities (informal comments submitted by Chair Colford)
- Draft Report of the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Advisory Committee

OTHER ACTIVITIES

COR also discussed the following issues:

- Regionalization of administrative services
- Proposal for SPO Institutional Proposal Review
- Reports from the working groups on the Signature Initiatives from the Strategic Plan
- Potential changes in NIH policies on sexual harassment and controls on the export of information
- Impact of campus financial reform on research indirect costs

COR REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES

COR members served as Senate representatives to the following campus and systemwide committees:

- Systemwide University Committee on Research Policy (UCORP)—Professor Conboy
- Hellman Fellows Fund Award Committee—Professor Levi

GUESTS

COR welcomed the following guests to meetings in 2018-19:

Randy Katz, Vice Chancellor-Research
Pamela Miller, Sponsored Projects Office
Ronald Cohen, Regional Associate Dean
Rebecca Heald, Regional Associate Dean
Marc Fisher, Vice Chancellor-Administration
Chris Stanich, Associate Vice Chancellor-Planning & Analysis
Ben Hermalin, Vice Provost-Faculty
Rebecca Armstrong, Office for the Protection of Human Subjects
Adrienne Tanner, Office for the Protection of Human Subjects

MEMBERS OF THE 2018-19 COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

John Colford, Public Health, Chair
Vinod Aggarwal, Political Science/Business
Deborah Blocker, French
Roland Burgmann, EPS
Gerbrand Ceder, Materials Science & Engineering
Susana Chung, Optometry
Irina Conboy, Bioengineering (UCORP representative)
Michael Hutchings, Mathematics
Edgar Knobloch, Physics – spring only
Dung-Hai Lee, Physics – fall only
Dennis Levi, Optometry
Miryam Sas, Comparative Literature/Film and Media

Division Chair Barbara Spackman attended a number of meetings as an ex-officio member.