

**BERKELEY DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**  
**Committee on Research**  
**2020-21 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 2020-21 academic year. The committee was chaired by Professor Dennis Levi (Optometry). COR's activities for the year were affected by the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; the committee held all of its meetings remotely and engaged in a number of discussions related to the reopening of campus and resumption of research.

**RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS**

Due to the budget crisis brought on by the pandemic, COR did not receive its allocation of \$50,000 to offer emeritus faculty a basic level of research and conference travel support. Last year was the end of the most recent three-year funding cycle for the emeritus grants, and the continuation of the grants in the future will depend on a decision from the EVCP's office.

**ORGANIZED RESEARCH UNITS (ORUs)**

The office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCRO) developed guidelines for the resumption of ORU reviews this year, after many years on hiatus. Information on the prioritization of ORUs for review and the process guidelines were shared with the committee, and members gave input into the process and submitted names of possible external reviewers for the first review. That review, of the Energy Biosciences Institute (EBI), was initiated during the spring semester. At this time, COR members will not participate directly in the reviews but will continue to be updated by and provide input to the VCRO.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

COR submitted written comments on the following issues:

- Report of the Online Undergraduate Degree Task Force
- Proposed Presidential Policy on Research Data and Tangible Materials
- Proposed Presidential Policy on Classification of Gifts and Sponsored Awards
- Proposed Presidential Policy on Native American Cultural Affiliation and Repatriation

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

COR also discussed the following issues:

- Research impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and campus closure
- Summer 2020 study of COVID-19 infections, behaviors, and symptoms among Berkeley students, faculty, and staff
- Plans for reopening buildings and resumption of research
- Guidelines for the review of ORUs
- BEAR grants and academic personnel update
- Process for awarding graduate fellowships
- Foreign engagement and research security
- Space for animal research on campus
- Research administration during campus closure and remote work
- Research grants update

## **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 Lavaei
- Research Compliance Advisory Committee (RCAC)—Professor Levi
- Hellman Fellows Fund Award Committee—Professor Lumpkin
- Research Recovery Committee—Professor Levi

## **GUESTS**

COR welcomed the following guests to meetings in 2020-21:

Randy Katz, Vice Chancellor-Research

Art Reingold, School of Public Health

Maya Peterson, School of Public Health

Ben Hermalin, Vice Provost-Faculty

Heather Archer, Assistant Vice Provost-Academic Personnel

Linda Rugg, Associate Vice Chancellor-Research

Elizabeth Brashers, Chief of Staff to Vice Chancellor-Research

Lok Siu, Ethnic Studies (Chair of Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Campus Climate)

Kairi Williams, Assistant Vice Chancellor-Research Administration and Compliance

Pamela Miller, Sponsored Projects Office

Marc Fisher, Vice Chancellor-Administration

Ann Jeffrey, Chief of Staff to Vice Chancellor-Administration

## **MEMBERS OF THE 2019-20 COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH**

Dennis Levi, Optometry (Chair)

Lia Fernald, Public Health

Todd Hickey, Classics

Michael Hutchings, Mathematics

Larry Karp, Political Science

Javad Lavaei, IEOB

Dung-Hai Lee, Physics

Taeku Lee, Political Science

Polina Lishko, MCB (fall only)

Ellen Lumpkin, MCB

Paolo Mancosu, Philosophy

Aila Matanock, Political Science (fall only)

Sylvia Tiwon, South & Southeast Asian Studies (spring only)