

**Minutes of Meeting
February 13, 2012**

I. Announcements

John Crawford, UCORP Chair

UPDATE: Chair Crawford updated the committee on several items of interest: The Academic Council will solicit feedback from the divisions regarding the UC Observatories academic review. The charge of the Task Force for Principles, Processes, and Assessment of UC Systemwide Research Investments (PPA) was endorsed by the Academic Council. The Academic Council further discussed options for UC to “campaign” publicly in its own economic interest, even without endorsing specific proposals or candidates.

The Committee on Academic Graduate Student Support (CAGSS) is a Senate only body, but a joint group has also been formed on the same topic: the Graduate Student Issues Work Group (GSIWG). CAGSS will submit its recommendations to GSIWG, too, and UCORP members are encouraged to submit ideas to both.

II. Consultation with the Office of the President – Office of Research and Graduate Studies (ORGS)

Steve Beckwith, Vice President

1. Indirect Cost Waiver Policy
Note: Item postponed.
2. Task Force on Principles, Process, and Assessment of UC Systemwide Research Investments
Note: See Item III below.
3. Multi-campus Institutional Review Board (IRB) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Note: See “Reliance Registry” addendum to agenda.
4. California Institutes for Science and Innovation (Cal ISIs) Academic Review
Note: Item postponed.
5. Patent Amendment Process

With Wendy Streitz, Executive Director, Research Policy Analysis and Coordination (RPAC), ORGS

UPDATE: Director Streitz reported that to date, only 43% of the impacted employee population had “signed” the amended patent acknowledgement. Another reminder will be sent today, and moving forward, a link will be available on the At Your Service website. VP Beckwith noted that so far, no one has made any decisions regarding how to incentivize the reluctant to sign.

DISCUSSION: Members suggested that follow-up messaging regarding the necessity of the change and the specific textual changes would be useful, especially since previously submitted feedback has been acted upon. Chair Crawford noted that UCORP has twice previously gone on record regarding potential enforcement steps.

6. University of California Observatories (UCO) Academic Review Next Steps
UPDATE: VP Beckwith thanked UCORP for its thoughtful feedback regarding the UCO review. In the short term, ORGS will present various budget projection scenarios and techniques, as well as seek consultation regarding the future of the split-funded faculty lines. VP Beckwith also sought input on principles to guide further interactions with UCO.
DISCUSSION: Chair Crawford reminded members that the UCORP feedback on the UCO review was not the final Senate position, and its recommendations may not necessarily be endorsed for action. Members supported the principle that the Santa Cruz campus should be held as harmless as possible during any future business changes regarding faculty lines and facilities funding, for example. Other possible principles were less robustly supported as members felt they too easily could become prescriptive or proscriptive, or were beyond UCORP's bailiwick.
7. Disposition of DOE National Lab Management Fees
With Kathleen Erwin, Director, Research Grant Programs Office (RGPO), ORGS
UPDATE: Director Erwin reported that this year, nearly 500 proposals in six topical areas had been received, including more than two dozen humanities proposals. The application review will occur in mid-April, and the review committees are being recruited. The total available for this cycle is \$54M.
8. Graduate Student Issues Working Group
UPDATE: VP Beckwith reported that, so far, "tier one" recruitments were more successful this year than last, but that an underlying problem seems to recruiting and retaining faculty. Residency and tuition are other topics the working group will discuss in depth.
ACTION: Analyst Feer will forward the 2006 Senate resolution on non-resident tuition.

III. Task Force on Principles, Process, and Assessment of UC Systemwide Research Investments

Jenny Gautier, Deputy to ORGS Vice President

DISCUSSION: Members suggested that student development and research as a learning tool should be added to the goals of research investments. Members also suggested that available media should be used to increase awareness of UC research outcomes and benefits to specific populations. It was noted that some systemwide goals may actually contradict local goals, and that such situations need to be handled delicately. It was also noted that the portfolio needs to maintain a balance between new areas of research those that remain hard to fund externally.

Members also encouraged the task force to consider intersections with current efforts, such as rebenching, as well as the constitutional obligations UC has a land-grant research university, when determining the best research investments.

IV. Academic Review of the Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS)

Members

ISSUE: Chair Crawford noted that the funding model for the California Institutes for Science and Innovation (Cal ISIs) is under negotiation now that the program has turned 10 years old. The questions before UCORP, though, are whether the review asked the right questions, and whether they were evaluated adequately. UCORP might choose to frame its response through the lens of the PPA.

DISCUSSION: Members asked what the current funding model for the Cal ISIs is, and Analyst Feer will investigate.

V. Update on Committee on Academic Graduate Student Support (CAGSS)

Rachael Goodhue, Chair, Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA)

UPDATE: Chair Crawford noted a difference in the way success was being measured by the Senate and the administration: total enrollment may not equate to success by UC standards. Chair Goodhue agreed, noting that aggregate numbers can be misleading. CAGSS is working to get additional data, such as applications versus enrollment, expenditures versus FTE, and funded versus self-supported students.

VI. Update on the Negotiated Salary Program for the General Campus

John Crawford, UCORP Chair

UPDATE: Chair Crawford reported that a working group was being formed to explore the issue more thoroughly. Council Chair Anderson added that the new group has a report deadline in June, which will be sent for systemwide review.

VII. Campus Updates

None.

VIII. New Business and Further Discussion

Note: Item occurred in Executive Session; other than action items, no notes were taken.

Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

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Attest: John Crawford, UCORP Chair