The Faculty Council on Research (FCR) is one of twelve advisory bodies to the Faculty Senate and is responsible to the Senate Executive Committee (University Handbook Vol. 2, Part 4, Chapter 42, Sec. 42-31). The FCR serves as the deliberative and advisory body for all matters of University policy relating to research and is the primary forum for faculty-administrative interaction in determining that policy (University Handbook Vol. 2, Part 4, Chapter 42, Secs. 42-31 and 42-37). One of our weightier responsibilities deals with Classified, Proprietary and Restricted (CPR) Research (University Handbook Vol. 4, Part II: University Research, Chapter 1: Classified and Proprietary Research). The FCR does not have general oversight responsibility for University policy on the protection of human subjects, which is the responsibility of the Research Advisory Board (University Handbook Vol. 4, Part 2, Chapter 2, Sec. 7).

The Faculty Council on Research (FCR) met 8 times during 2006-2007 academic year. The following is a summary of our activities for the year:

**Major accomplishments:**

**Communication between FCR and the Research Advisory Board (RAB):** At the request of the Faculty Senate leadership, I was asked to address communication issues that had arisen over the past few years between FCR and the Research Advisory Board, which is the central-administration body that advises the Office of Research. To that end, I met with Mary Lidstrom (Vice Provost for Research and the President’s Designee to FCR) at the beginning of the academic year and we agreed upon, and coordinated presentations of topics of interest to both FCR and RAB. We scheduled FCR meetings to ensure that Mary could attend, and I attended the RAB meetings as FCR representative. Communication between the two bodies improved considerably.

**Senate Interdisciplinary Research Committee (SIRC):** FCR proposed to the Senate Executive Committee that a subcommittee of FCR be appointed to deal with interdisciplinary research issues. This subcommittee was approved and began work during the academic year. The purpose of this cross-campus subcommittee is to explore and make recommendations on institutional change in support of interdisciplinary research. The subcommittee will represent faculty perspectives on research issues, but build on and coordinate with the Provost’s Committee on the Organization of Colleges and Schools and the Graduate School’s Network of Interdisciplinary Initiatives. Mark Haselkorn and Daniel Vogt are the Co-Chairs of SIRC; in total, 19 members have been appointed. The SIRC has established a wiki. Additionally, SIRC is working on a list of recommendations taken from previous work by the Network for Interdisciplinary Issues and the Provost’s Organization Committee.

**Classified, Proprietary, and Restricted Applications:** One of the major tasks of FCR is to review and approve (or disapprove) classified, proprietary, and restricted applications for grants and contracts. This year, the FCR CPR subcommittee, chaired by Daniel Vogt, reviewed three applications; based on their recommendations, all three were approved.
**Faculty Effort Certification:** A continuing issue is increased federal attention to enforcement of FEC regulations, particularly in relation to research faculty, and to WOT faculty who are 100% research funded, yet have other departmental commitments (e.g., student advising, committee work) as well as needing to spend time writing new grant applications. Provost Wise worked with the various Deans to address this issue, and received input from FCR via the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Richard Wright represented FCR on the newly formed Effort Report Compliance Advisory Team. Additionally, we worked with Sue Camber (Assistant Vice President, Research Accounting & Analysis) on communication with the faculty about national efforts of university consortia to respond to FEC issues, and local UW efforts in this regard.

**Paying Out Staff Leave on Grants and Contracts:** An increasingly problematic issue for PIs is that when grant employees retire or leave the UW, their accrued vacation leave has to be paid by the grant budget (an unbudgeted expense). Sometimes this is an issue in hiring staff for new projects, i.e., not wanting to hire an experienced person who has accrued a lot of leave because the grant will be responsible for it in the end. In the spring of 2006, FCR brought this issue to the attention of Sue Camber (Assistant Vice President, Research Accounting & Analysis). A Leave Payment Team was formed, and various alternatives were considered. The most feasible plan appears to be the development of a separate fund to pay staff leave, which would accumulate by increasing the UW’s fringe benefit rate by about 0.5%. Further study is ongoing.

**Updates and Input**

We received updates, and provided input about:

- SAGE project support of electronic routing to Grants.gov.
- Human Subjects Division progress, improvements, and accreditation efforts.
- Electronic grant submissions—OSP training efforts and support.
- UW Towers project.
- Intellectual property and technology transfer issues and policies.
- Electronic Faculty Effort and Cost Share project.
- Research computing resources.
- Ownership of research data.
- Global Support Project.
- Human Embryonic Stem Cell Policy.
- FEC Compliance.
- Enterprise Risk Management
- Computer Cluster Policy
- State Ethics Act amendment
- U.S. House and Senate legislative activities related to research.
- Federal Demonstration Partnership.
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