The Faculty Council on Research (FCR) continued to discuss ways to improve the UW research environment with various administrative units. We met monthly with people largely from the Office of Research to remain informed about the latest infrastructure and regulatory developments that can streamline or complicate efforts by UW researchers to obtain and use external research support.

The following is a list of the topics and presenters for our meetings this academic year.

Oct 12, 2011
Update on challenges and opportunities for UW research this year – Mary Lidstrom
Update on OSP – Lynn Chronister
Revision of federal human subjects regulations – Karen Moe

Nov. 9, 2011
Grants versus Contracts – Lynn Chronister
Activity Based Budgeting (ABB) and Research – Mary Lidstrom
Intellectual Property Rights Policy

Dec. 7, 2011
Guidelines for Establishing and Organizing Research Units – Mary Lidstrom

Jan. 11, 2012
A report from Washington, D.C. – Christy Gullion
Electronic Faculty Effort Certification (eFECS) – Tamara Rivet

Feb. 8, 2012
Complex Proposal Management Group (CPMG) – Mary Lidstrom
NIH updates and Faculty Grants Management – Lynne Chronister

March 14, 2012
HHS Salary Cap, HHS restriction on inflationary increases, Proposed new optional budget model for industry sponsored research - Lynne Chronister
A-21 Task Force on Administrative Burden – Sue Camber, Cristi Chapman

April 11, 2012
Draft policy for use of the University of Washington Institutional Review Board (IRB) – Karen Moe
Update on PHS regulations on financial conflicts of interest – Jeff Cheek

May 9, 2012
Update on PHS regulations on financial conflicts of interest – Jeff Cheek
Update on PHS salary cap – Carol Rhodes

June 6, 2012
OPS organization and fCOI process – Mary Lidstrom
The main issues for the year had to do with compliance, i.e., compliance with new financial conflict of interest rules for Public Health Service-supported researchers, compliance with new salary caps from the NIH, and compliance with new institutional review board rules. These items will continue to be monitored in the coming year. We also expect to have to deal with intellectual property rights management issues in the future.

FCR discussed and approved five restricted research contracts this year. Four were projects at the Applied Physics Laboratory, while one was in the Department of Health Services, School of Public Health. The latter presented us with a new kind of restriction. If the funding agency doesn't agree with the conclusions that the investigators attempt to publish, the agency retains the right to co-publish their opposing viewpoint. The FCR accepted the investigators arguments that this was a restriction that would not violate any relevant UW policies.

**Restrictive Grant or Contracts Considered**

Considered: October 12, 2011  
Title of project: **Feasibility Study of Mid-Infrared Electro-Optic Polymers in Biotronics**  
Principal investigator: **Professor Alex Jen**  
Source or sources of funds for support of project: **A subcontract for Optimetrics which is working for Air Force Research Laboratories**  
Action by Faculty Council on Research as to approval or disapproval: **Approved**

Considered: March 14, 2012  
Title of project: **Multi-Payer Claims Database ("MPCD") Implementation**  
Principal investigator: **Dr. Lawrence Kessler**  
Source or sources of funds for support of project: **Ingenix Public Sector Solutions, Inc.**  
Action by Faculty Council on Research as to approval or disapproval: **Approved**

Considered: April 11, 2012  
Title of project: **The impact of submarine depth, speed sonar systems on Arctic sea-ice draft measurements**  
Principal investigator: **Dr. Mark Wensnahan**  
Source or sources of funds for support of project: **Office of Naval Research**  
Action by Faculty Council on Research as to approval or disapproval: **Approved**

Considered: May, 2012  
Title of project: **2012 ONR Joint Active/Passive Sonar Review**  
Principal investigator: **Dr. David Krout**  
Source or sources of funds for support of project: **Office of Naval Research**  
Action by Faculty Council on Research as to approval or disapproval: **Approved**

Considered: May, 2012  
Title of project: **Cost Competitive Wave Energy Without Moving Parts**  
Principal investigator: **Dr. Jim Thompson**  
Source or sources of funds for support of project: **Oscilla Power, Inc.**  
Action by Faculty Council on Research as to approval or disapproval: **Approved**
Title of project: “Surface and Underwater Obstacle Avoidance using BlueView Sonars”
Principal investigator: Dr. James W. Pitton
Source or sources of funds for support of project: Office of Naval Research
Action by Faculty Council on Research as to approval or disapproval: Approved

Council Members for 2010-11 Academic Year:
Faculty: Mark Haselkorn, Human Centered Design; Gerald Miller, Physics; Axel Roesler, Art; Mike Rosenfeld, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Pathology; John Slattery, Pharmacology and Medicine; Susan Spieker, Family and Child Nursing; Ronald Stenkamp (Chair), Biological Structure; Daniel Vogt, Forest Resources

Ex-Officio Representatives: Mary Lidstrom, Vice Provost for Research; Jim Fridley, Faculty Legislative Representative; Christene James, PSO Alternate; Maureen Nolan, ALUW; Francis (Sandy) Spelman, UWRA; Athena Pantazis, GPSS

Regular Guests: Susan Camber, Associate Vice President, Financial Management; Lynne Chronister, Assistant Vice Provost for Research; Christy Gullion, Director of Federal Relations, James Poland, Faculty Security Officer; Carol Rhodes, Assoc. Dir., Office of Sponsored Programs.