Committee on Research

Description of Charge

The Committee on Research (COR) is a University Academic Senate (UAS) committee. The committee’s formal charge is listed in Section 2.04 on page 12 of the UAS Statutes. The crux of our work is the review of grant applications for different University research awards, formulation of policy concerning the conduct of research and the ongoing evaluation of the university’s research effort, all aimed at making recommendations to the Vice President for Research and Innovation. In 2015/2016, COR advised the Vice President for Research and Innovation on ways to actualize the Research in Action a key component of the University’s Strategic Plan and performed other related duties as required.

2015-2016 Officers and Members:

Voting Members:
Christopher Okunseri (School of Dentistry: Clinical Services), Chair
Joe Schimmels (College of Engineering: Mechanical Engineering), Vice Chair
SuJeann Choi (College of Health Sciences: Biomedical Science), Recording Secretary
Kathy Bobay (College of Nursing)
Abdur Chowdhury (College of Business Administration: Economics)
Kim Factor (College of Arts & Sciences: MSCS)
Sarah Feldner (College of Communication: Communication Studies)
Sarah Knox (College of Education)
Phillip Naylor (College of Arts & Sciences: History)
Kristy Nielson (College of Arts & Sciences: Psychology)
Chad Oldfather (Law School)

Non-Voting Members:
Jeanne Hossenlopp (Vice President for Research and Innovation)

Guest Members:
Kathy Durben (Director, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs)
Ben Kennedy (Research Compliance Officer – Human Subjects/Radiation Safety, ORC)
Austin Fritsch (Research Compliance Officer – Animal Subjects, ORC)
Tom Pionek (Marketing and Communication)

Summary:
During the 2015-2016 academic year, the COR reviewed:
- 50 SFF / RRG applications
- 7 Haggerty Award for Excellence in Research nominations
- 12 Way Klingler Young Scholar Award and 11 Way Klingler Fellowship nominations.

Recurrent Tasks
Review and Selection of Research Awardees:

1. Summer Faculty Fellowship/Regular Research Grant (SFF/RRG) Awards.
Both mechanisms continue to help faculty initiate or reprogram their research. They are important for sustaining and growing Marquette University’s research enterprise. One
requirement for accepting either award is that the recipient must apply for an external grant/fellowship related to the same project within two years in order to be eligible for future SFF/RRG consideration. This year, applications were reviewed by three panels with expertise in 1) natural, physical and applied sciences, 2) social sciences, and 3) humanities. Overall the COR received 50 applications for $430,992.70 for SFF/RRG funding, and we funded 28 grants totaling $240,148.

**FUNDING:**

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2. Lawrence G. Haggerty Award for Excellence in Research:

The Award recognizes scholarly distinction at Marquette University. Lifetime achievement along with quality and volume of publications were outcome measures used to select among nominees. A unanimous decision was made to recommend Robert Fox (Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology) as the award recipient in 2016.

3. Way Klingler Faculty Development Awards:

These awards are made possible through the Faculty Development Fund established in 2004 with a gift by the late Helen Way Klingler. The purpose of the Fund is to help support faculty development at Marquette on an annual basis. The COR makes recommendations for the recipients of the Way Klingler Young Scholar Awards and the Way Klingler Faculty Fellowships.

a. Way Klingler Young Scholar Award:

In 2016, COR recognized 4 recipients of the Way Klingler Young Scholar Award. The COR members agreed that the top ranked candidates would be put forward to receive the award. They were Murray Blackmore (Biomedical Sciences), Mehdi Maadooliat (Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science), Corinne Bloch-Mullins (Philosophy), and Gerry Canavan (English).

b. Way Klingler Faculty Fellowships:

In 2016, COR recognized 2 recipients of the Way Klingler Fellowship. The COR members selected Robert Peoples (Biomedical Sciences) to receive the Fellowship in the Sciences and
**Eugenia Afinoguenova** (Foreign Literatures and Languages) to receive the Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Completed Business**

The COR met as a body on nine occasions through academic 2015-2016, and in addition to reviewing the applications for the awards outlined above, our agendas focused on developing specific recommendations for the Vice President for Research and Innovation to advance the University’s strategic plan. Part of this agenda also included working on identifying potential research clusters at the University.

COR members provided feedback to the Vice president for Research and Innovation on the Research in Action theme and objectives specifically on doubling research and development expenditures; number of PhD’s awarded and on the center for measuring university performance data on faculty awards. It was exciting to see that Marquette University improved in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education to an “R2: Doctoral Universities – Higher research activity,” This improvement is clearly a testament of Marquette continuous growth in research and innovation.

Additionally, COR members through their representatives were able to provide input to the Master Plan Research and Innovation Work Group subcommittee. Furthermore, as the University focuses more fully on the use of its Strategic Innovation Fund to enhance existing research strengths on campus, we believe that COR will continue to play an integral role advising the Vice President for Research and Innovation.

**Other Activities**

- Monthly reports from the vice president for research and innovation, Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp.
- Monthly reports from Ms. Kathy Durben, executive director ORSP.
- Monthly reports from Mr. Benjamin Kennedy, research compliance officer – human subjects and radiation safety.
- Monthly reports from Mr. Austin Fritsch, research compliance officer – animal and biosafety / director animal facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Okunseri, BDS, MLS, MSc, DDPHRCE, FFDRCSI
Chair, Committee on Research