Committee on Research

Report of Academic Year 2012/2013

Description of Charge
The Committee on Research (COR) is a University Academic Senate (UAS) committee. Its charge is listed on page 13 of the UAS Statutes. (http://www.marquette.edu/acad/documents/StatutesoftheUniversityAcademicSenateupdatedSept222009_002.pdf)

2012-2013 Officers and Members:
Voting Members:
Doug Lobner (College of Health Sciences: Biomedical Sciences), Chair
Tim McMahon (College of Arts & Sciences: History), Vice Chair
William Pink (College of Education: Educational Policy & Leadership), Recording Secretary
Syed Akhter (College of Business Administration: Marketing)
Arthur Hefti (School of Dentistry)
Kristy Nielson (College of Arts & Sciences: Psychology) on sabbatical this year
Jane Peterson (College of Arts & Sciences: Social & Cultural Sci) sub for Dr. Nielson
David Papke (Law School)
Rajendra Rathore (College of Arts & Sciences: Chemistry)
Joe Schimmels (College of Engineering: Mechanical Engineering)
Robert Topp (College of Nursing)
Eric Ugland (College of Communication: Broadcast & Electronic Media)

Non-Voting Members:
Vice Provost for Research: Jeanne Hossenlopp
Director of ORSP: Kathy Durben

Guest Members:
Kevin Gibson (Associate Dean of the Graduate School)
Ben Kennedy (Research Compliance Officer – Human Subjects/Radiation Safety, ORC)
Austin Fritsch (Research Compliance Officer – Animal Subjects, ORC)

Summary:
During the 2012-2013 academic year, the COR reviewed:
- 55 SFF / RRG applications
- 5 Haggerty Award for Excellence in Research nominations
- 10 Way Klingler Young Scholar Award and 9 Way Klingler Fellowship nominations.

The following sections include a description of the 2012-2013 activities of the COR.

Recurrent Tasks
Review and Selection of Research Awardees:
1. Summer Faculty Fellowship/Regular Research Grant (SFF/RRG) Awards.
Both mechanisms help faculty initiate or reprogram research. They are important also for sustainably growing Marquette University’s research enterprise. Applications were reviewed by three panels with expertise in 1) natural, physical and applied sciences, 2) social sciences, and 3) humanities. Overall funding of $283,131 was available for distribution, which was a $35,623 increase from the amount approved a year earlier. The Table offers more details on the numbers of applications submitted and funded, the amount of funding applications allocated, and a comparison to the previous year.

**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 Fabien Josse (Electrical & Computer Engineering) as the award recipient in 2013.

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:

After a reduction of awards given from the original 4/year to awarding only 2/year each for a 2 year period, the full allotment of 4 awards have been given for the past 2 years. This was due to both the improved performance of the endowment and the decision (as suggested by the Committee on Research) to reduce the money provided with each fellowship for the college to cover the loss of teaching from $30,000 to $20,000. The COR members agreed that the top ranked candidates would be put forward to receive the award. They were James Hoelzle (Psychology), Krassimira Hristova (Biological Sciences), Chung Hoon Lee (Electrical & Computer Engineering), and Sameena Mulla (Social & Cultural Sciences).

b. Way Klingler Faculty Fellowships:
The standard for these awards has been for there to be an award given each year in both the sciences and the humanities, in 2011 only the award in the humanities was given. In 2012 and 2013 both awards were given. The COR members selected Stephen Guastello (Psychology) to receive the Fellowship in the Humanities and David Baker (Biomedical Sciences) to receive the Fellowship in the Sciences.

The COR was encouraged that the number of Way Klingler Awards and Fellowships were returned to the historical levels and hope that the university will maintain this level of support. The COR also recommends that if changes in the support must be made, that it is involved in such decisions.

**Completed Business**

The guidelines for the SFF/RGG proposals were revised to better describe the criteria used for judging the applications. The revisions do not change the basic format of the proposals but are intended to clarify a number of points involved in both the writing of the proposals and their review.

The Intellectual Property Policy for the university was reviewed and forwarded to the Academic Senate with the support of the COR.

An open forum to discuss strategic planning for research and graduate programs was sponsored by the COR and UBGS.

Tim McMahon was elected chair of the COR for the 2013-2014 year.

**Other Activities**

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

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Lobner, Ph.D
Chair, Committee on Research