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 2016/2017, 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.

2016-2017 Officers and Members:
Voting Members:
Christopher Okunseri (School of Dentistry: Clinical Services), Chair
Phillip Naylor (College of Arts & Sciences: History), Vice Chair
Sarah Knox (College of Education), Secretary
Ron Coutu (College of Engineering: Mechanical Engineering),
Paul Gasser (College of Health Sciences: Biomedical Science),
Andrew Hanson (College of Business Administration: Economics)
Ryan Hanley (College of Arts & Sciences: Political Science)
Daniel Rowe (College of Arts & Sciences: MSCS)
Sarah Feldner (College of Communication: Communication Studies)
Matthew Mitten (Law School)
Kris Thomas Dreifuerst (College of Nursing)

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)
Andrea Petrie (Director of Development)

Summary:
During the 2016-2017 academic year, the COR reviewed:
- 53 SFF / RRG applications
- 4 Haggerty Award for Excellence in Research nominations
- 17 Way Klingler Young Scholar Award and 6 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 53 applications for $457,911. for SFF/RRG funding, and we funded 32 grants totaling $250,883.

**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 Dr. John Borg (College of Engineering/Mechanical Engineering) as the award recipient in 2017.

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 2017, 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 Dr. Jennifer Evans (College of Health Science/Biomedical Science), Dr. Nicholas Heck (College of Arts and Sciences/Psychology), Dr. Jier Huang (College of Arts and Sciences/Chemistry), and Dr. Brooke Mayer (College of Engineering/Civil and Construction Engineering).
b. Way Klingler Faculty Fellowships:

In 2017, COR recognized 2 recipients of the Way Klingler Fellowship. The COR members selected Dr. John Mantsch (College of Health Sciences/Biomedical Science) to receive the Fellowship in the Sciences and Dr. Albert Rivero (College of Arts and Sciences/English) to receive the Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Completed Business

The COR met as a body on nine occasions through academic year 2016-2017, 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 to identifying opportunities to strengthening research at the University.

COR members provided feedback to the Vice president for Research and Innovation on how we can continue to grow research on campus in line with the Research in Action, one of the goals of the strategic and master plan. COR members are in full support of efforts aimed at doubling research through increases on R&D expenditures by the University. Additionally, COR members through their representatives were able to provide input on how to support growth in research that are in line with the proposed ten-years financial plan of the University. Furthermore, as the University focuses more fully on the implementation of the strategic and master plan, we believe that COR will continue to play an integral role in 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/ and director animal facilities.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Chair, Committee on Research