

## **2007-08 Council on Research Year-In-Review**

### **Highlights of Council Actions**

- The *National Center for Security & Preparedness* was provisionally approved for one year.
- The following policy statement addressing internet research was submitted by the *IRB Policy Committee* and approved by the Council:  
*The University at Albany Institutional Review Board may refuse to allow the use of data obtained via the Internet on a case-by-case basis, where the use of such data raises ethical or legal concerns regarding human participants.*
- Council voted to accept the recommendation from the *Conflict of Interest Committee* to change the composition of the committee *from five Council on Research members to at least two Council on Research members*. This will require a policy rewrite.
- Action on the proposed changes to the Indirect Cost Return policy *submitted by the Researchers Liaison Committee*, was deferred until a permanent president is on board. The proposed policy recommends a considerable increase in percentages of indirect cost returned to units.
- Council was asked to address the decision to return only 50% of the indirect cost available to the campus for 2007-08. The Vice President for Research responded; however, the discussion will continue into 2008-09.
- Council voted to provide more guidance and clearer instructions regarding the FRAP evaluation process.

### **Subcommittee Highlights**

- ***Benevolent Awards, chaired by David Lewis***  
*32 applicants; 15 awarded a total of \$7,277*
- ***Conference/Journal Support Award, chaired by Lance Bosart***  
*7 applicants; 6 awarded a total of \$8,595*
- ***FRAP A Review, chaired by James Castracane***  
*40 applicants; 17 awarded a total of \$155,678*
- ***FRAP B***  
*Deans recommended 16 applicants out of 22 for FRAP B awards totaling \$51,260*
- ***Excellence in Research, chaired by Scott South***  
*Recommended the following SUNY-wide Award recipients*  
*Hamilton Lankford, TIAA-CREF Lifetime Achievement Award*  
*Timothy Gage, Outstanding Researcher/Scholar Award*  
*Ronald Toseland, Outstanding Researcher/Scholar Award*  
*Nathaniel Cady, Rising Star Award*  
*Scott Tenenbaum, Rising Star Award*

*Recommended the following UAlbany Excellence in Research Award recipients*

*Pradeep Haldar, College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering*

*Lawrence Schell, Department of Anthropology*

*Carolyn Smith, School of Social Welfare*

*Dan Willard, Department of Mathematics and Statistics*

*All recommendations were approved by Council on Research*

- ***Centers/Institutes/Specialized Labs, chaired by Sridar Chittur***

*Two centers were identified for assessment: Center for Institutional Investment and Management and the Center for Technology in Government. The Center for Technology in Government underwent an external review in April, 2008.*

*Review of the Center for Institutional Investment and Management was deferred until after the arrival of the new Dean and new Center director.*

- ***Researchers Liaison, co-chaired by Cheryl Frye and David Strogatz***

*The committee focused primarily on three areas:*

*Worked in tandem with the Office for Sponsored Programs to discuss and respond to faculty concerns related to the implementation of Coeus system.*

*Addressed the issue of “clogged” e-mails and data management, both of which compromises the ability to get research accomplished.*

*Provided feedback from faculty regarding FRAP timelines, as a result, the FRAP B deadline was moved to a later date.*

- ***IRB Policy Review, chaired by Drew Anderson***

*Developed a policy statement on internet based research and data collection via the internet (see p. 1 Highlights of Council Actions).*

- ***Conflict of Interest, chaired by Paul Miesing***

*The Vice President for Research convened a Conflict of Interest committee to review Conflict of Interest forms and management plans and to make recommendations for appropriate action where conflicts exist. The committee’s focus is financial only.*

### ***Other***

*Dr. James Wehenmeyer, Senior Vice President for Research, the Research Foundation and Senior Vice President for Research, State University of New York attended the Council on Research Meeting in March.*

*Peter Gonczlik, Technology Transfer Associate was introduced to Council on Research at the October meeting. His primary responsibilities are to manage the intellectual property created by physical science researchers, particularly College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering and to help commercialize intellectual property to industry.*

***Highlights of Reports from the Vice President for Research***

*The Vice President for Research planned to clarify the reporting of the University's NIH/NSF science portfolio which may ultimately improve our ranking. UAlbany is currently ranked # 91 in NIH .*

*The University began the process of creating a new real estate holding company called UAlbany BioTech Development Corporation.*

*On-going training began in June through November for all PIs submitting grant proposals through the Coeus system.*

*Per the PAPAS Report, the Research Foundation is reviewing its mission, resources, support and indirect cost returned to campus.*

*UAlbany hosted a grant writing workshop in April. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Research Foundation and SUNY Faculty Senate.*

*The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Colloquium was held on April 24, 2007. Chris Pascal, J.D. The theme was Building a Culture for the Responsible Conduct of Research.*

*Vice Presidents Videka and Lowery proposed to Deans that each administrative unit designate a point person for research. This person will receive training in both post and pre award procedures and will also be key to relationship building between the unit and pre and post award staff.*

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