

**2008-09 Council on Research
Year-in-Review**

The Council on Research spent some of the year attempting to better comprehend the indirect cost budget. There were many issues discussed ranging from transparency in the execution of the University's indirect cost budget, to the distribution of funds received by the campus, to how and if the University benefits from the assessment being charged by central office of the Research Foundation. The University remains committed to growing research dollars, especially federal, and to enhancing the over research productivity. Therefore, the indirect cost discussion will likely continue into 2009-10.

The Council continued to be instrumental in reviewing and recommending proposals for seed funding for faculty research projects.

Other 2008-09 accomplishments included:

General

Frank D'Andraia, Dean of University Libraries, was invited to discuss the impact of budget cutbacks in University Libraries on general support for research.

The *Center for Achievement, Retention and Student Success* was established with a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation, September 3, 2008.

The *Center for Financial Market Regulation* was provisionally approved, February, 2008

Indirect Cost Return

Lynn Videka, Vice President for Research, presented information on the distribution and utilization of the portion of the 2007-08 indirect cost budget that is allocated for incentives and research development.

Kathy Lowery, Vice President for Finance and Business, was invited to present information on the total campus distribution of the indirect cost budget.

Subcommittee Highlights:

Benevolent Association Graduate Research Award, chaired by David Lewis
16 applicants out of 48 were awarded a total of \$7,500

Faculty Research Award Program - Category A (FRAP-A), chaired by James Castracane
13 applicants out of 40 were awarded a total of \$119,363

Conference/Journal Support Award, chaired by Lance Bosart
8 applicants out of 9 were awarded Conference Support Awards totaling \$13,750
1 applicant was awarded a Journal Support Award of \$3,000

The subcommittee also recommended a change to the guidelines regarding applying for conference funds retroactively. Council voted to change the wording to state that applicants should not be a recipient of a conference support award in any of the past 12 months.

Excellence in Research, chaired by Scott South
4 out of 7 faculty nominees received the Excellence in Research award.

Centers/Institutes/Specialized Labs, chaired by Janet Marler
The *Center for Global Health* was granted permanent center status, April 29, 2009
The *Center for Critical Demography and Public Sociology* – defer until fall, 2009

Other

27 applicants out of 56 were recommended by the Deans for Faculty Research Award Program – Category B totaling \$63,832.