# President's Advisory Committee for University Relations

# Report to UCAR Members 5 October 2011

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PACUR Chair

### PACUR Charge

#### The PACUR

- Helps maintain good communication and relationships between the Corporation and members
- Acts as an advisory committee to the President, proposing agenda items for members' meetings and proposing activities and programs for UCAR to undertake
- Reviews NCAR and UCP non-core proposal submission processes, and considers issues of unfair competition.

#### **PACUR Committee**

**Eugene Cordero, San Jose State University Greg Hakim, University of Washington, Chair Robert Hart, Florida State University** Marika Holland, NCAR **Jon Martin, University of Wisconsin - Madison David Nolan, University of Miami Robert Rauber, University of Illinois Yvette Richardson, Pennsylvania State University Alan Robock, Rutgers University Roger Samelson, Oregon State University** Wendy Schreiber-Abshire, UOP **Robert Street, Stanford University Jeff Trapp, Purdue University Geoffery Vallis, Princeton University Sharon Zhong, Michigan State University** Richard Clark, Millersville University, Trustee Liaison

### PACUR Recent Meetings

The PACUR has met twice since the 2010 UCAR Annual Meeting:

- 1) Fall 2010, NCAR\*:
  - -Members Meeting post mortem
  - -non-core proposal subcommittee report
  - -update on the Faculty Fellowship Program
- -Rick expressed concern regarding funding for NCAR: long-term projects funded through short term proposal process.
  - \* Prior to the meeting, the PACUR met with NCAR and UCP PIs
- 2) Spring 2011, Florida State University
  - -non-core proposal review subcommittee report
  - -AGS/NSF update
  - -discussion of fairness in ASP Postdoc selection process
  - -plan for Fall Meeting
  - -plan to meet virtually in Spring 2012
  - -thanks to Bob Hart for being a great host!

All PACUR Meeting notes are posted on the web.

## PACUR Florida State April 2011



Happy PACUR Attendees

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Thanks to Eric Barron for hosting PACUR at his home *twice* in recent years!



Yvette and Roger unwinding after a day of intense PACUR discussion.

#### **PACUR Non-core Proposal Subcommittee**

One responsibility of the PACUR is a semi-annual analysis of NCAR's and UCP's compliance with non-core proposal criteria.

#### **Proposals for non-core funding must:**

- •be appropriate to NCAR or UCP mission
- not compete unfairly in research or for facilities with universities
- •involve <u>significant and meaningful collaboration</u> with university colleagues or develop/support community facilities

The subcommittee reviews and reports to the full PACUR, to NSF and UCAR management every six months.

#### **PACUR Non-core Proposal Subcommittee**

Since 1993, the PACUR has reviewed over 2,000 proposals and found all but one compliant with the PACUR criteria.

In 2010, PACUR examined compliance on ~150 proposals.

Overall, the committee is impressed with levels of compliance with the criteria, and emphasizes the importance of continuing, even increasing, graduate student participation.

The process is taken very seriously by UCAR, NCAR and UCP with more than a dozen staff working to ensure compliance.

UCAR management and the PACUR chair thank the subcommittee for all the work they've done this past year. Thanks especially to the Chair of the Subcommittee, Bob Hart, for his leadership once again.

#### Please Talk to the PACUR!

- We rely on UCAR-member feedback to advise the UCAR President on issues important to the community.
  - Pass this along to colleagues at your home institution!
- This is critical to healthy relations between universities and UCAR.
- If needed your comments can be completely anonymous.

# **Thank You!**