MEMORANDUM TO GREG HAKIM, RICK ANTHES, STEPHAN NELSON, AND PACUR MEMBERSHIP  
FROM: Bob Hart, Non-Core Proposal Subcommittee Chair and Jack Fellows, UCAR Vice President  
SUBJECT: Joint Spring 2011 PACUR Non-Core Proposal Report  

Purpose of the Report. Twice a year, the Non-Core Proposal Subcommittee samples non-core proposals and examines whether UCAR senior staff have ensured these proposals are compliant with the PACUR non-core proposal criteria. This joint report summarizes the activities of the Subcommittee for the period 1 July – 31 December 2010. It is intended to provide input to the PACUR Chair, Committee members, and the UCAR President for the next PACUR meeting.

Analysis Summary. Attached is the Subcommittee report for this period. The Subcommittee sampled and examined 22 of the 61 proposals for this period and requested additional information on 12 of the 22 selected proposals. Attached are the UCAR responses to the Subcommittee questions. With this additional input, the Subcommittee concluded that all 22 proposals were compliant with the PACUR non-core proposal criteria.

The Subcommittee was impressed by the broad and innovative basic research, technology transfer, and education projects proposed by NCAR and UCP/E&O scientists. Many proposals were noted for their unique and creative aspects. Additionally, many proposals demonstrated clear and aggressive collaboration both to and from universities, with the substantial support of students. Prototypical examples of strong student support include proposals 2010-516, 2011-072, and 2011-086, and are recommended as examples for future Subcommittee members should sample proposals be included in the Orientation material.

The Subcommittee raised several items for further discussion at the April 2011 meeting, including:
1. **3a-d Categorization.** The Subcommittee would like to discuss adding a justification for categorization to the spreadsheet the chair receives and uses to select proposal for examination.
2. **Letters of Collaboration.** The Subcommittee would like to discuss the value of letters of collaboration that are nearly identical among multiple collaborators (a situation that occurred on two NCAR proposals).
3. **NCAR Scientists with University Appointments.** The Subcommittee would like to discuss whether NCAR scientists with a joint university appointment could receive financial support both as a university and NCAR PI and whether this should be clarified in the orientation material.
4. **Procedural Changes.** The Subcommittee and UCAR/NCAR staff would like to discuss the attached draft procedural changes with the full PACUR committee.

Attachments:
1. Spring 2011 PACUR Non-Core Proposal Subcommittee Report  
2. Spring 2011 NCAR Responses to Questions  

Cc: Roger Wakimoto, Rena Brasher-Alleva, Maura Hagan, Valerie Koch, Caron Chambers, Hanne Mauriello, Kelly Smith, Susan Friberg

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