President’s Advisory Committee on University Relations (PACUR)

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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

• analyzes NCAR's and UOP’s non-core funding and considers issues of unfair competition.
University PACUR Members:
Lisa White, San Francisco State-Chair
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NCAR/UOP Representatives
Clara Deser, NCAR
Gordon Farquharson, NCAR
Wendy Schreiber-Abshire, UCAR/UOP

Trustee Liaison
Len Pietrafesa, NCSU
The PACUR met twice in the past year:

1) In the fall 2007, agenda items included:
   -- Members Meeting post mortem
   -- proposal subcommittee review
   -- discussed aspects of potential UCAR partnerships with Tribal and Community Colleges

2) In the spring 2008, PACUR met at the University of Texas at Austin. Agenda items included
   -- proposal subcommittee review,
   -- initial planning for Fall Meeting
   -- student and faculty presentations and university tours
   -- an overview of the new “transition document”
   -- an update of diversity activities at UCAR
University of Texas at Austin
Spring Meeting of the PACUR

Graciously hosted by former Dean of the Jackson School of Geosciences, Eric Barron and his most helpful staff.
PACUR Non-core Proposal Subcommittee

One of the responsibilities of the PACUR is the semi-annual analysis of NCAR’s and UOP’s compliance with non-core proposal criteria.

Proposals for non-core funding* must satisfy certain criteria:
--be appropriate to NCAR or UOP mission
--not compete unfairly in research or for facilities with universities
--involve significant and meaningful collaboration with university colleagues or develop or support community facilities

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

* Funding outside of the regular NSF-sponsored program
This past year’s (2007) proposals were deemed compliant with the criteria. The subcommittee questions have been responded to in detail and issues resolved.

In fact, while this report covers proposals submitted in 2007, we’d like to report that for the 2008 proposals, NCAR leadership has implemented new processes to ensure even stronger collaborations with the universities.

UCAR management and the URC chair thank the subcommittee for all the work they’ve done this past year, including working with UCAR to develop an orientation for new members, and standardizing the reporting process and the reports themselves. Thanks especially to the Chair of the Subcommittee, Vanda Grubisic, for her diligence and her help in updating the process.