President’s Advisory Committee on University Relations (PACUR)

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Lisa White, Chair
San Francisco State University
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.
PACUR Members:
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Sharon Zhong, Michigan State
Trustee Liaison - Fred Carr, University of Oklahoma
The PACUR met twice in the past year:

1) In the fall 2008, agenda items included:
   --Members Meeting post mortem
   --proposal subcommittee review

2) In the spring 2009, PACUR met at the University of Miami, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Agenda items included
   --proposal subcommittee review,
   --initial planning for Fall Meeting
   --discussion of new NCAR Strategic Plan
University of Miami, Rosenstiel School, Spring Meeting of the PACUR

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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
PACUR Proposal Subcommittee, con’t.

This past year’s (2008) proposals were deemed compliant with the criteria. The subcommittee questions have been responded to in detail and issues resolved.

While this report covers proposals submitted in 2008, we’d like to report that for the 2009 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. Thanks especially to the Chair of the Subcommittee, Sharon Zhong, for her diligence and leadership.