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

• Reviews NCAR and UCP non-core proposal submission processes, and considers issues of unfair competition.
2010 PACUR Members:

Lisa White, San Francisco State - Chair
Lisa Dilling, University of Colorado
Greg Hakim, University of Washington
Marika Holland, NCAR
Robert Hart, Florida State
Jon Martin, University of Wisconsin-Madison
David Nolan, University of Miami
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Bob Rauber, University of Illinois
Alan Robock, Rutgers University
Roger Samelson, Oregon State
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Bob Street, Stanford University
Jeff Trapp, Purdue University
Geoffrey Vallis, Princeton University
S.T. Wu, University of Alabama
Sharon Zhong, Michigan State University
The PACUR has met twice since the 2009 UCAR Annual Meeting:

1) In the fall 2009, agenda items included:
   --Members Meeting post mortem (university-city partnerships)
   --non-core proposal subcommittee report
   --update on the Faculty Fellowship Program

2) In the spring 2010, PACUR met at Oregon State University (thanks Roger Samelson for hosting us!) Agenda items included:
   --non-core proposal review subcommittee report
   --AGS/NSF update
   --Updates on UCAR, NCAR and UCP programs and projects
   --planning for Fall Meeting

All PACUR Meeting notes are posted on the web.
PACUR Non-core Proposal Subcommittee

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

• Proposals for non-core funding* must satisfy certain criteria:
  – be appropriate to NCAR or UCP 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 reviews and reports to the full PACUR, to NSF and UCAR management every six months.
PACUR Proposal Subcommittee, con’t.

- Since this process began in 1993, the PACUR has reviewed ~2,000 proposals and found them compliant with the PACUR criteria.

- This past year, PACUR examined compliance on ~60 proposals. All were deemed compliant except one. The PACUR Proposal Subcommittee unanimously concluded it was non-compliant because of a lack of appropriate collaboration; NCAR and UCAR management disagree with the Subcommittee’s conclusion.

- UCAR believes this disagreement was more about lack of documentation and is moving forward to correct that in future years.

- It is important for the Members to know that this 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.