PACUR Report
to UCAR Members and Affiliates
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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

Greg Hakim, University of Washington, Chair
John Braun, UCP
Eugene Cordero, San Jose State University
Robert Hart, Florida State University
David Nolan, University of Miami
Robert Rauber, University of Illinois
Yvette Richardson, Pennsylvania State University
Elizabeth Ritchie, University of Arizona
Roger Samelson, Oregon State University
Robert Street, Stanford University
Jeff Trapp, Purdue University
Geoffery Vallis, Princeton University
Michael Wiltberger, NCAR
Sharon Zhong, Michigan State University
Richard Clark, Millersville University, Trustee Liaison
The PACUR has met twice since the 2011 UCAR Annual Meeting:

1) Fall 2011, at UCAR:
   - Members’ Meeting post mortem
   - non-core proposal subcommittee report; all proposals were compliant.
   - update on the Faculty Fellowship Program

2) 7 June 2012, UCAR:*
   - approved non-core proposal review subcommittee report; all proposals were compliant.
   - plan for Fall Meeting-(new NCAR Strategic Plan as a focus)
   - created subcommittee to look at NCAR proposal process to help streamline for NCAR staff and university collaborators (Wiltberger and Trapp, co-chairs)
   - heard NSF report from Michael Morgan
   - discussed current focus for PACUR
   - discussed the governance task group’s work
   - discussed NCAR scientist visits to universities

* Prior to the June meeting, the PACUR met with NCAR and UCP PIs

All PACUR Meeting notes are posted on the web.
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 significant and meaningful collaboration 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.
Since 1993, the PACUR has reviewed over 2,000 proposals and found all but one compliant with the PACUR criteria.

In 2011, PACUR examined compliance on ~70 out of 200 proposals.

Overall, the committee is impressed with levels of compliance with the criteria, and continues to emphasize the importance of 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 Street, for his leadership; Yvette Richardson, Jeff Trapp and Bob Hart for serving on the committee.
Please continue to 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!