Role of URC

The University Relations Committee (URC) helps maintain good communication and a healthy relationship between the Corporation and its members by:

- Advising the UCAR President.
- Proposing agenda items for Members' meetings.
- Proposing activities and programs for UCAR to undertake.
- Reviewing NCAR non-NSF and UOP non-core proposals to avoid unfair competition with universities.
2004 URC Members

- John Merrill, Chair (2004)
  University of Rhode Island
- Kerry Cook (2006)
  Cornell University
- Efi Foufoula-Georgiou (2006)
  University of Minnesota
- Jim Hansen (2005)
  Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Everette Joseph (2006)
  Howard University
- David Karoly (2006)
  University of Oklahoma
  Stanford University
  University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Ken Pickering (2005)
  University of Maryland
- Eugene Takle (2005)
  Iowa State University
- Sepideh Yalda (2005), Millersville
  University of Pennsylvania
- Len Pietrafesa, Trustee Liaison
  North Carolina State University
- Mary Barth (2004), NCAR MMM
- Ginger Caldwell (2004), NCAR SCD
- Joanne Graham (2004), UOP/Unidata
URC Activities

- Continued engagement of Division and UOP management and staff to advance interactions through a Liaison program.
- Helped organize a Webcast on NCAR reorganization.
- Discussed development of the Junior Faculty Exchange program at NCAR.
All NCAR/UOP “non-core-NSF funded” proposals submitted to funding agencies must justify:

- Appropriateness of research activities to the missions of NCAR or UOP.
- Absence of unfair competition with the member institutions.
- Significant and meaningful university collaboration or
- Development of community resources or technology transfer, leading to a demonstrable community benefit.
- If cosponsored, must support and enhance NSF-sponsored core NCAR program.

The subcommittee chair selected proposals for review, at random from a list of proposal numbers.

The distribution was matched to the number of proposals submitted by each Division and by UOP.

The committee also reviews a report on non-NSF funding prepared by NCAR staff - collaborations, types, trends.

A similar process of review was carried out for the period July - December, 2003 and the results reviewed by the URC at its meeting in April, 2004.
12 (of 79) proposals selected

- These were distributed among the eight Divisions and UOP, with two each from ACD, HAO and RAP owing to higher submission rates.

- One proposal > $1 M, three between $500 K and $1 M, and eight from $100-500 K.

- No proposals under $100 K were reviewed.
Proposal review report -

conclusion

“Overall, we find that adherence to the guidelines covered by the five questions on the Advance Notice form has been very good within all Divisions.”

About half of the submitted proposals requested cosponsorship. “…there was no indication that cosponsorship was abused. Overall, the proposals seemed to describe attempts to appropriately extend the NSF core support…”
URC Report

- Questions or concerns?
- Community members are encouraged to contact those on the URC with suggestions and comments, whether sanguine or sulky.