To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:

I. Council Operations

Hugh Roberts, Associate Professor, English (Humanities), chaired the Council on Research, Computing & Libraries (CORCL) in 2010-11. At nine meetings from October 2010 through June 2011, CORCL’s principal items of business included awarding faculty research grants, reviewing faculty proposals to establish and renew the campus-approved centers and organized research units, advising the Academic Senate Irvine Division Chair, the Vice Chancellor for Research, the Associate University Librarian, and the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Network and Academic Computing Services (NACS) on issues of importance to the campus and University that were under its charge.

II. Faculty Research Grants

A total of $559,000 was awarded by CORCL’s four faculty research grant programs: Research and Travel Grants, Cultural Diversity Studies Grants, Conference Support, Multi Investigator Grants and Single Investigator Grant during AY2010-11. CORCL’s budget was cut by about 20% for the second year in a row.

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*Table 1: Allocation of CORCL Budget AY2010-2011, $559,000 includes about 10K carryover funds*

A. Allocations to Schools for Faculty Research Grants

CORCL sub-allocated 70% of its budget to the Travel and Research Grant program in AY2010-11. A total amount of $395,000 was apportioned to the schools according to number of FTE in that school. CORCL utilizes a distribution formula that supports (a) junior faculty in all departments and (b) all ranks in Arts and Humanities, who traditionally have limited access to extramural funding.

B. Multi-Investigator and Single Investigator Innovation Grants:

CORCL members reviewed 33 Single investigator proposals and 16 multi investigator proposals. Single and Multi proposals were divided into four groups based on the department/school of the investigators: The groups divisions were Arts/Humanities,
Social Sciences/Social Ecology/Business/Education, Engineering/ICS/Physical Sciences and Health Sciences/Biological Sciences. CORCL awarded a total of $130,000 to both multi and single investigator proposals. CORCL received 16 multi investigator grants from all of the schools. Four of the sixteen (one from each review group) were funded. Funding amounts for the multi investigator grants ranged from $7000 to $16,000. 19 of the 33 Single Investigator proposals were funded. Funding amounts for the single investigator grants ranged from $1,200 to $9,000.

In contrast to previous years. CORCL members decided to put the Single Investigator and Multi Investigator proposal grant money into one pot. This formula gave CORCL members the leeway to allocate funds based on the number and quality of proposals. More money was allocated to Single Investigator proposals at lower amounts than usual because there were a number of high quality proposals that did not require extensive funding.

D. Grants for Cultural Diversity Studies
CORCL received 11 Cultural Diversity Studies Proposals, and awarded nine of these proposals. Proposals were organized into two groups: The first group, Arts and Humanities, reviewed five proposals. The second group, Social Sciences Social Ecology and Education, reviewed six proposals. Reviewers were asked to provide each proposal with an absolute score ranging from 0 to 3. A score of 0 indicates the proposal is not fundable, and a score of 3 indicates the proposal is excellent. Once members scored proposals, a total of $19,000 was divided up based on absolute scores. Recipients could not receive more than $3000. Nine of the 11 proposals were funded: funding ranged from $500 to $3000.

E. Grants for Conference Support
CORCL allocated $15,000.00 from the Research and Travel grant to match funds from the Office of Research for the Conference Support Program. Because of CORCL’s continues its strong endorsement for the Conference Support Program. The Office of Research re-instated its support for the program which was supposed to have been completely cut beginning in AY2008-2009.

III. Academic Review

A. Organized Research Programs

The Office of Research was on an aggressive schedule to review sunsetting ORUs and renewals of Campus Centers.

1. Campus Centers. Campus Centers reviewed competitively by CORCL during the fall quarter:

2. Center on Community Development Studies (CCDS, formerly Center on Inequality & Social Justice): RENEWED

3. Center for Diabetes Research and Treatment: DISESTABLISHED

4. Center for Learning through the Arts and Technology (CLAT): RENEWED
5. Center for Unconventional Security Affairs (CUSA): RENEWED

6. Newkirk Center for Science and Society: RENEWED

II. Organized Research Units (ORUs): Sunset reviews are now competitive reviews that are completed after the ORU is 15 years old. The Office of Research would like to make sure that 15 year old ORUs are still current in their field. Some ORUs at UCI were established decades ago. The goal is also to make room for new ORUs. There is a total pool of money that is reserved to fund some of the sunsetting ORUs, but not all of them. ORUs can continue without funding if CORCL makes such a recommendation.

CORCL reviewed and ranked six ORU sunset proposals: The Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory (CLCM), the Center for Research on Information Technology and Organizations (CRITO), the Critical Theory Institute (CTI), the Developmental Biology Center (DBC), the Institute for Interface Science (ISIS), and the Institute for Memory Impairments and Neurological Disorders (UCI MIND).

All six ad hoc internal review committees highly recommended the continuation of the ORUs they had reviewed. After hearing the internal review committee’s comments and reading the six ORU renewal proposals, CORCL members also strongly recommended the continuation of each of the six ORUs. CORCL members affirmed that each of the six ORUs is of outstanding academic quality and has fostered first class research. CORCL also strongly recommends the continuation of each of the directors of these ORUs.

Despite CORCL’s recommendations, only one sunsetting ORU was renewed by the Office of Research: UCI Mind. The rest will be disestablished in one year, except for CLCM, which will be disestablished over a three year period.

B. Review of Internal Proposals for Limited Submissions

Outside of the monthly meetings, CORCL members served on ad hoc committees to screen pre-proposals when sponsors limited the number of proposals or nominations that the campus could submit. The ad hoc committees advised the Vice Chancellor for Research on those applications they considered the most competitive for the specific program.

IV. University Administration and Governance

Reports are given at CORCL’s monthly meetings by the Vice Chancellor for Research, the Associate University Librarian, and the Assistant Vice Chancellor, Network and Academic Computing (NACs) on issues concerning the faculty and the campus. CORCL also heard reports from its representative on the systemwide Senate committee– the University Committee on Research Policy (UCORP). CORCL representatives did not attend meetings for the University Committee on the Library (UCOLASC) or the University Committee on Information Technology
and Telecommunications Policy (ITTP). In addition, the CORCL chair serves on the Academic Senate Cabinet, and a CORCL member sits on the Special Senate Committee on Diversity and the Pandemic Planning Committee.

A. Academic Senate

i. UCI Campus Issues:

   a. CORCL comments on Systemwide Review of Library Planning Task Force Report conducted by SLASIAC

   1. CORCL is troubled that SLASIAC, an advisory committee to EVP/Provost Pitts that has no role in setting library budgets, has preempted a strategic approach to the problem of the library’s position in overall campus research resource allocation by floating a de facto budget proposal.

   2. The Report makes the assumption that the UC Libraries collectively will be cut by up to $52 million. CORCL wonders how the authors of the report can make this universal assumption since it is local campuses who make decisions about how to fund and cut each individual campus library.

   3. CORCL by-and-large agrees with the Report’s proposed strategies to achieve targeted cuts, but finds the Report’s accelerated time frame and estimated future savings highly unrealistic.

   4. One of the most potentially significant proposals in the report (to encourage faculty to break the stranglehold of private journal publishing companies by changing their publication practices) is floated with little or no detailed proposals for implementation.

   5. CORCL believes that opening a new UC Libraries office in the Office of the President to oversee the UC Libraries would add unnecessary cost and duplicate work that is already being carried out by the Council of University Librarians.

ii. University-wide Issues:

   a. Comments on the Academic Senate Council Resolution and UCLA Statement on near-term choices for UC developed by the Commission on the Future

   CORCL members agreed overall with the UCLA and Senate Council. First, members generally support maintaining the quality of the university through providing competitive remuneration to faculty and professional staff. Second, members generally agreed that UC should forego capital projects until stable funding is secured. Third, the Academic Council document COF says that the university must operate at a size that is affordable and therefore should downsize faculty and staff. It was emphasized by CORCL that the UC is already downsized and has not been able to replace many faculty.

V. Continuing Issues for AY11-12
A. Decide how to spend CORCL budget this year and strategize for future years.

B. Implement an online application and review system for the multi and single investigator proposals

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