

## **Research Council 2007-2008 Annual Report**

*Prepared by Rakesh Gupta, Chair*

### **Membership**

Rakesh Gupta '09, Chair	Wood Science & Technology
Greg Rorrer '08	Chemical Engineering
Claudia Maier '08	Chemistry
Vinod Narayanan '08	Mechanical Engineering
Alan Herlihy '09	Fisheries & Wildlife
Yanyun Zhao '09	Food Science and Technology
Luiz Bermudez '10	Veterinary Medicine
Allison Davis-White Eyes '10	Minority Education Office
Carlos Jensen '10	Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

### *Alternates:*

Sharyn Clough '08	Philosophy
Phil Rossignol '08	Fisheries and Wildlife
Kathryn Sackett '08	Botany and Plant Pathology
Maret Traber '08	Linus Pauling Institute
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Ex-Officio: Research Office – John Cassady, Rich Holdren  
Executive Committee Liaison: Len Friedman  
Research Office Staff Support: Debbie Delmore

The Research Council is a standing committee of the OSU Faculty Senate. The main function of the council is to evaluate proposals submitted by the OSU faculty to the Research Equipment Reserve Fund (RERF), General Research Fund (GRF), as well as pre-proposals for limited submission funding opportunities, most commonly in response to calls by NSF. The Research Council also reviews proposals on Centers, Institutes, and Programs (CIP), and makes recommendations to the VP for Research. A summary of the activities of the Research Council for academic year 2007-08 is given below:

### **Proposal Review**

This past academic year, the Research Council evaluated 45 GRF and 55 RERF proposals.

The GRF program was evaluated in two panels over the past academic year (Fall 2007 and Winter 2008). A total of 12 successful GRF proposals (\$110,907; 27% of proposals reviewed) were recommended for funding.

RERF proposals were also reviewed in two panels (Fall 2007 and Spring 2008). A total of 17 RERF proposals (\$444,387; 31% of proposals reviewed) were recommended for funding.

The Research Council evaluated six NSF Major Research Initiative (MRI) pre-proposals and recommended three (one in development category and two in acquisition category) for advancement to the full proposal stage.

In summary, the Research Council deliberated on a total of 106 proposals and pre-proposals during the 2007-08 academic year.

**Review of Centers, Institutes, and Programs (CIPs):** The Research Council reviewed one Category I CIP proposal (Rural Institute) during the 2007-08 academic year. The Council sent the following recommendations to the VP for Research, and requested for a second round of review by the council in the next academic year.

1. The proposal lacks specific details. It should have some specific examples of what has been done in the past (as RSP) and what specific programs would help the Oregon rural communities.
2. Need stronger justification for more money and existence of the Institute. How would they be sustainable? They have had money for five years as RSP. What was accomplished with that money?
3. What would be the difference between RSP and RI? What would they be able to do as RI which they can not do as RSP?
4. Need to establish stronger connection between extension specialist already in place in Oregon communities and on campus and RI.
5. Goals for the future and a matrix to measure them.

### **Other Issues**

1. Policies for proposal review. New policies, modified from the ones used in the previous academic year, were used to evaluate both [RERF](#) and [GRF](#) proposals. The new policy is given in [Appendix A](#).
2. At the request of the Provost, Sabah Randhawa, the research council developed two new research awards. The awards were developed by a subcommittee of the research council (Maret Traber-Chair, Greg Rorrer and Sharyn Clough). Both awards were reviewed and approved by the council, and are given in [Appendix B](#).
3. The council also reviewed its standing rule and revised it according to its current functions and workload. The revised standing rule has been approved by the Faculty Senate and is given in [Appendix C](#).