

MEMORANDUM

Office of Research and Instructional Services

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TO: University Senate Steering Committee
and the Graduate Council

FROM: Lewis N. Pino *LNP*
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SUBJECT: 1972-73 Annual Report of the University Research Committee

The 1972-73 University Research Committee consisted of ten members, as follows: Irving Torgoff, Chairman (1); Robert Christina (1); Donald Morse* (1); Lon Polk (2); Michael Riley (2); Lawrence Rittenberg (1); Norman Tepley* (2); Philip Howard, ex-officio; G. Philip Johnson, ex-officio; and Lewis N. Pino, ex-officio. The numbers in parentheses indicate the duration of appointment in years, while asterisks indicate appointments made by the Graduate Council rather than by the University Steering Committee.

The charge to the Committee is "to encourage and promote scholarship, advanced studies and research among the faculty and staff of the University. The Committee's responsibilities include in particular the evaluation of applications for intramural research funds and the allocation of these funds. More generally they include the protection and development of practices and policies conducive to scholarly activity."

During the course of this year, the Committee agreed that the ex-officio status of Mr. Howard as representative of the Library faculty was anomalous, and has recommended to the Steering Committee that the Library faculty be considered along with all other faculties in subsequent years in drawing members of the Committee. The effect of this would be not to decrease the size of the Committee but to reduce the number of ex-officio members from three to two. It's understood, of course, that there may be years in which the Library faculty is not represented on the University Research Committee.

Perhaps the most fundamental change in the mode of operation of the Committee made this year was the decision to deal with small grant applications under two closing dates each year rather than dealing with them on an "as received" basis. The Committee believes that this approach, which facilitates comparative rating of requests, has been useful. Some forty requests for small grant support were processed (27 in the fall and 19 in February, with the 19 including six proposals carried over from the fall to the winter competition for further consideration). Twenty-nine of these 40 applications were funded.

Appended is a list of all awards made by the Committee during the past year, including research leaves (two of ten applications funded), research fellowships (six of eleven funded), and Alumni Association undergraduate research grants (five of fifteen funded).

A good bit of the Committee's effort during the first half of the year was dedicated to development of a copyright policy for the University, with Messrs. Morse and Pino doing the background work. On February 12, the Committee forwarded to Messrs. O'Dowd and Obear a proposed mechanism for the commissioning of works to be copyrighted based on agreements on "the nature and extent of resources to be applied and a division of royalty or licensing income, if any." A copy of the Committee's proposal is appended.

Examination of the Committee's policy on purchase of reprints of scholarly articles prepared by members of the faculty and staff led to agreement that up to \$30 would be allowed toward the cost of 100 reprints, rather than \$15 as in the past.

During the year, Mr. Torgoff and Mr. Pino met with all department chairmen in Arts and Sciences, and with the deans of the various schools, for discussions of ways in which units of the University are encouraging and promoting scholarship, advanced studies, and research. These sessions were lively and productive, and Mr. Torgoff is currently engaged in preparing a summary statement with recommendations on this crucial topic.

Several words of commendation are in order for the Oakland University Alumni Association. The Alumni Association has provided \$1,000 a year for the past three years for support of research grants to Oakland undergraduates in amounts of up to \$200. This year Mr. Al Mann of CDPC, an OU graduate, sat with the Committee to assist in the evaluation of student applications. A second representative of the Alumni Association, Miss Shirley Savage, was unable to attend due to illness, but she did provide her evaluations of the proposals under consideration. We wish to thank the University Alumni Association for allocating \$600 for this program for next year; we will be continuing to fund student research grants, but at a somewhat lower level.

I would like to express my personal gratitude and appreciation to all members of the Committee, and in particular to Professor Torgoff, our retiring Chairman.

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