

**University Research Committee
Annual Report
1996-97**

July 15, 1997

Dear Colleagues:

This annual report includes a financial summary and itemized description of projects funded by or through the University Research Committee during the 1996-97 operating cycle. As this report indicates, the majority of the Committee's time was spent on the distribution of contract research funds. The Committee spent **\$146,824**, the entire amount of contractual funds available, to support faculty research projects. In addition, **\$7,473** in supplemental funding was awarded for student research grants and other research related activities; this supplemental funding was provided by the Office of the President.

The second year of the President's Colloquium Series was broken down into two programs, one during Fall semester and one during Winter semester. The two speakers were **Beverly Berger**, Department of Physics, and **Robert Goldstein**, Department of Political Science. Each colloquium featured a program on the individual faculty member's research. We are pleased that continued support is being provided for this important series.

We are also grateful for Dr. Russi's commitment of continued support for the **New Investigator Research Excellence Award** competition. This award provides a mechanism for the university community to recognize and appreciate the accomplishments of junior faculty, along with faculty members who have many more years of research experience.

I wish to express my great pleasure in serving on this important Committee, and to thank all the members for their service during my term as chair: **Hoda Abdel-Aty-Zohdy**, School of Engineering and Computer Science; **Mukesh Bhargava**, School of Business Administration; **Nicole Buffard-O'Shea**, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures; **Art Bull**, Department of Chemistry; **Jim Ciplewski**, School of Education and Human Services; **Todd Estes**, Department of History; **Ronald Hansen**, Department of Psychology; **Beth Marcoux**, School of Health Sciences; **Donald A. McCrimmon** (an *ex-officio* member), Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research; **Robert Stewart, Jr.**, Department of Psychology; **Winson Taam**, Department of Mathematical Sciences; and **Sarma Vishnubhotla**, School of Engineering and Computer Science.

Carol A. Zenas
1996-97 Chair, University Research Committee

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
FISCAL YEAR 1997 AWARD SUMMARY**

Total Allocation		140,000.00
Loan Reimbursement (year 4 of 5)		1,900.00
Balance from FY 1996		4,924.00
Total URC Budget		\$146,824.00
Fellowships (16 awards @ \$7,500) each)	\$120,000.00	
• Bonus (added to Reserve)	7,925.00	
• Fringe Benefits	4,500.00	
Grants	3,959.00	
Special Project Awards	7,090.00	
Meadow Brook Conference Grant*	3,000.00	
President's Colloquium Series Contribution	350.00	
Total Expenditures	(\$146,824.00)	
	Balance	\$0.00

*The award recipient(s) in this category also may receive in-kind support from Meadow Brook Hall

SUPPLEMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Office of the President:

Undergraduate Student Research Grants	\$1,800.00
Graduate Student Research Grants	1,673.00
Research Excellence Award	2,500.00
New Investigator Research Excellence Award	1,500.00
Total Supplemental Expenditure	\$7,473.00