Office of Sponsored Research and Programs

Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2008-2009

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Discussion:

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 was a year filled with a great many challenges. Our plan had called for hiring a Grants Manager in the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSRP) and rolling out our major Technology Transfer/Intellectual Property efforts. However, the economic downturn was realized, effecting the disposition of staff; the State of North Carolina budget crises, employment freeze and 0.5% pay reduction. This was coupled with many changes in personnel at all levels including Human Resources, Public Relations, Academic Affairs, and Business and Finance all of which presented challenges for the Office of Sponsored Research. Reflection and examination indicates however, that we did accomplish a great deal in spite of the trying circumstances. These accomplishments are indicated by category for your review, in this Annual Report for Fiscal year 2008-2009.

Grants Activity:

The many changes and aforementioned circumstances virtually forced the OSRP to freeze the hiring of the Grants Manager position that the office desperately needs and for the existing staff to take on additional work at the same level of enumeration. Meanwhile, due to our proposal development workshops and sponsorship of faculty to off campus workshops and meetings, our grants inquiries and submission continued to grow as reflected under the Grants Submissions and Awards Activity Reports in the documents that follow.

Grants Submissions and Awards:

At the close of business June 30th. year 2008-09 we have a total of 95 awards with $63,782,374 Cum and $28,100,005 for the fiscal year 2008/09. This represents an increase of (**.77%**) or $6,432,077 over fiscal year 2007/08. These figures nevertheless do not tell the entire story because grants closing year round, leaving a gap to be filled before any increase can be realized. What this means is that we have made up for all of the grants that have shut down during the year as well a modest increase.

According to the "Comparison by Institution by Carnegie Classification" published on -line by UNC general administration, we are maintaining our position as ranking 3rd. place for submissions among and first place for awards among like institutions in the UNC system. Please see SPARC report under UNC system comparisons.

Our indirect cost recovery for this fiscal year is projected at a little over 900,000 + this is (60%) of the projected amount that would have been received if all grants personnel were hired and all grant funds spent as laid out in the approved grant awards. (Please refer to the attached grants reports)

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Technology Transfer/Intellectual Property:

These circumstances virtually forced the OSRP to attempt to freeze our technology transfer/intellectual property efforts, patents; edification of faculty; marketing and freeze personnel at the current level. However, policies and procedures were created, approved and placed on line for access by all. Tracking of grant proposals that have invention potential continues to be tracked. Currently our faculty are engaged in 15 research projects that can and may lead to an invention or discovery. Additionally, the institution currently holds (10) ten provisional patents with additional research being conducted or awaiting market (support) planning and or development.

Further, we conducted a major Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property luncheon and workshop with faculty and three attorneys that we have worked with. These lawyers paid their own expenses and provided information pertinent to obtaining patents, inventions and discoveries. Additionally, one on one sessions were also provided for faculty in the afternoon of the same day, allowing individuals to discuss their particular inquiries and concerns. Finally, 2008/09 closes with 64 proposal submission that may lead to inventions or discoveries. These proposals are being tracked to follow up on to provide for patent disclosure..

Other Activities:

Faculty Support:
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs:
Sponsored faculty meetings and workshops. Assisted in the development of policies and procedures for the various federally mandated committees; produced collateral materials for these areas including production and distribution of informational booklets; sponsored lunches for meetings, etc., in addition to pamphlets and on line information..
(see documentation under the budget section of this report)

OSRP Website:
The office has updated it's web site forms and procedures, making it easier for faculty and staff to access and utilize data. The OSRP has maintained the paid subscriptions to the InfoEd International and Community of Science (COS) data bases allowing faculty to get grant opportunity data at their desk via e-mail or to search for grant opportunities data as necessary.

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OSRP Move:
Office of Sponsored Research and Programs moved giving up it's space in the Alexander Dunn Building and relocating to the Lee Biology Building, at a cost to the OSRP of approximately $10,000.

Assistance To Other Areas:
Chemical waste removal: we paid for the removal of chemical waste from campus at an approximate cost of $9,000 allowing the institution to avoid additional fines.

Provided computers, printer and office furniture as well as file cabinets (4) for University College personnel under the direction of Dr. Bernice Johnson, Dean.

Provided two computers for the Honors Program in the Alexander Dunn building under the direction of Dr. Timothy Holley.

Provided $15,000 in "stop gap" funds for the Health and Wellness Trust grant, under Dr. LaVern Reid, Principal Investigator.

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