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Dear Charlie,

This letter is written to summarize the various activities of the LAC in the year 2006-2007. Together with the attached spreadsheet it comprises the requested annual report of the activities of the Provost's Local Advisory Committee. In the spreadsheet are listed the limited submission programs (and outcomes: A-accepted, D-declined, P-pending) that were read by the LAC.

In our estimation, the LAC met 18-20 times from September - April. That number includes meetings devoted to the postdoc salaries and retention items (summarized below), and not limited submission selections.

1. Policy on PostDoctoral Salaries. Recommendation that starting in 2007 over a 5 year time scale that All Cornell University Post Doctoral Associate's minimum salary achieve parity with the NIH mandatory salary level for a first year Post Doctoral Associate. This recommendation was accepted by the Vice Provost for Research and made effective Jan. 1, 2007. The policy is attached for reference,
2. Recommendation on Data Storage and Retention (draft). The LAC met and debated various issues regarding data retention, sharing and "ownership". There was general consensus that original research data be retained for a period of three years after publication, that the data preservation responsibility resides with the PI (or Department Chairman, or designate) in the case of the decease of the faculty member, and that data "ownership" resides with the institution *ie* Cornell University. The LAC policy recommendation was subsequently referred to the vice provost for research administration who charged a policy editorial group (whose membership included the Dean of Faculty) with crafting a formal university policy statement. The university policy, titled "Research Data: Recording, Retention, and Access", is expected to receive final policy approval and release in 2007-08.
3. The LAC also set forth a procedure that would excuse 2/3 of non specialists on the LAC from reading highly specialized proposals. *eg* a proposal wholly centered on Social Sciences would be read by only 1/3 of the Physical Scientists and 1/3 of the Life scientists on the LAC. This was done to minimize the work load particularly for limited submission proposals centered on the Life Sciences due at the beginning of the Fall and Spring terms.
4. The LAC's membership was expanded and each member was designated with a primary expertise in the Life Sciences, (L), Physical Sciences (P) and Social Sciences (S).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeevak Parpia".

Jeevak Parpia

Deadline	Sponsor/Title	Limit	2005			2006			2007			
			Name	Dept.	Result	Name	Dept.	Result	Name	Dept.	Result	
	Non Profits & Foundations											
Oct	Beckman Foundation Young Investigator Award	2				Jon Njardarson Jeff Varner	CCB CBE	D D				
Oct	Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards in the Biomedical Sciences	6	Scott Williamson	BSCB	D	Bruce Kornreich	Vet	D				
Sept	Burroughs Wellcome Fund Clinical Sci. Awards in Trans. Res.	2	No Ithaca nominees			No Ithaca nominees						
Nov	Burroughs Wellcome Fund New Invest. Awards in Pharm/Tox. Sciences	2	Program discontinued			Program discontinued						
Dec	Burroughs Wellcome Fund Functional Genomics (2 areas)	2/area	Program discontinued			Program discontinued						
May	Burroughs Wellcome Fund Interfaces Between the Physical/Chemical/Computational Sci. and the Biological Sciences	1	Remy Tumber	MBG	D	No nominees						
Nov	Burroughs Wellcome Fund Pathogenesis of Infectious Dis. (3 areas)	1/area	Thomas Templeton	Weill	D	Matt DeLisa	CBE	D				
May	Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Awards at the Scientific Interface	3	Remy Tumber	MBG	D	No nominees			Nozomi Nishimura Sarah Veatch	Biomed Engr. CCB	P P	
Oct	Carnegie Corporation Fellowship Program	2	David Powers Eric Tagliacozzo	NE Studies History	D D	Shelley Feldman David Powers Eric Tagliacozzo	Dev. Soc. NE Studies History	D A D				
July	Damon Runyon Cancer Res. Fdn. Scholar Award	2	Jan Njardarson	CCB	Withdrawn							
May	Dreyfus Foundation New Faculty Award	1	Peng Chen	CCB	A	Hening Lin	CCB	A	Susan Daniel	ChemE	P	
Jan	Dreyfus Foundation Teacher-Scholar Award	1	Paul Chirik	CCB	A	Dan Luo	BEE	P	Dan Luo	BEE	P	
Mar	Ellison Medical Foundation New Scholars Program in Aging	1	Sylvia Lee	MBG	A				Anthony Sauve	Weill	P	
Mar	Ellison Medical Foundation New Scholars Program in Global Infect. Dis	1	Program discontinued			Program discontinued						
Sept	Hughes Medical Institute Assistant Investigator Competition	2	No invitation			No invitation						
Sept	Hughes Medical Institute HHMI Professors	2	David Shalloway Mike Shuler	MBG Biomed Engr.	D D	No invitation						

Jan	Hughes Medical Institute NIBIB Interfaces Initiative for Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Training	2	Manfred Lindau John Schimenti	Physics Vet	D D																		
Feb	Keck Foundation Distinguished Young Schol. in Med. Res.	1	Carlos Bustamante		D					Colleen Clancy	Weill									Colleen Clancy	Weill	P	
Oct	Merck Fund Scholars Prog. in the Blo. of Dev. Disabilities in Children	1/area	No nominees																				
Spring & Fall	NYSTAR Technology Transfer Incentive Program	2/compet	Antje Baeumner (F)	BEE	A					Ted Clark (S) Edwin Kan (S) Anil Netravali (F) Bettina Wagner (F)	Vet Micro ECE TXA Vet									No Spring competition			
Mar	Non Profits & Foundations Packard Foundation Fellowship Program	2	Scott Blanchard Maxim Perlestein	Weill Physics	D D					Garnet Chan Holger Sondermann	CCB Vet									David Erickson Adam Siepel	M/AE BSCB	P P	
Apr	Packard Foundation Interdisciplinary Science Program	1																					
Sept	Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences	1	Jeff Varner	CBE	D					David Jin	Weill												
Nov	Chicago Community Trust Searle Scholars Program	2	Colleen Clancy Holger Sondermann	Weill Vet	D D					Adam Siepel Tao Sun	BSCB Weill												
April	Federal Agencies NIH/NCR Develop and Improve Institutional Animal Resources	1	Carl Batt	Food Sci.	D																		
April	NIH/NCR Science Education Partnership Awards	1																					
	NIH Extramural Research Facilities Construction	2																					
Oct	NSF CISE Research Infrastructure	1																					
Oct	NSF Integrative Grad Educ and Res. Traineeships (No preproposal limit. of invited full proposals an institution may submit 3)	2+conso rtium	John Abowd Claudia Coen Molly Jahn Jon Kleinberg Marina Romanova	CISER IPM Pl. Breed. CS CRSR	D D D D D					Joel Brock Melissa Hines Marjolein van der Meulen Chris Ober (Multi-inst)	AEP CBC IMAE MSE									Chris Barrett Paul Chirik Kerry Cook Joseph Yavitt	AEM CCMR EAS Nat Res	P P P P	

Jan	NSF Major Research Instrumentation	Hector Abruna Todd Cowen Seamus Davis	CCB CEE Physics	A D A	Seamus Davis Farhan Rana Abe Stroock	Physics ECE CBE	A D A	George Grills Keith Schwab Gordon Stacey	Biotech Physics Astronomy	P P P
		Sandip Tiwari (Consort)	CNF	A	Sandip Tiwari (Consort)	ECE	A			
Oct	NSF Nanoscale Science and Engineering (Varies by component)	Michal Lipson (NIRT) David Muller (NIRT) Jeevak Parpia	ECE AEP Physics	D D D	David Erickson (NIRT) Lois Pollack (NIRT)	MAE AEP	P P			
		David Erickson (NER) Hod Lipson (NER)	MAE ECE	D A	Yong Joo (NER) Farhan Rana (NER)	CBE ECE	P P			
		Mike Shuler (NUE)	BE	D						
Feb	NSF Partnerships for Intl. Res. & Educ.	David Winkler	E&EV	D				Greg Acland Keith Schwab David Winkler	Vet LASSP E&EV	P P P
March	NSF Partnerships for Innovation	Chris Ober	MSE	D	Kelvin Lee	Biotech	P			
June	NSF Planning Grants for the Dept.-Level Reform of Undergraduate Engr. Education									
June	NSF Program for Gender Equity in SMET									
June	Science and Technology Centers: Integrative Partnerships									
Aug	USDA Intl. Science and Education Grants	Ronnie Coffman Ralph Christy	PI Breed AEM	A D	Program not offered			Program not offered		