TO: Henry T. Yang, Chancellor
FROM: Steven D. Gaines, Acting Vice Chancellor for Research
SUBJECT: 2003–04 Sponsored Projects Statistics
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At a time when our campus is rejoicing over the wonderful achievements of its latest Nobel Prize winners, I am pleased to send additional reasons to celebrate the quality of UCSB research! For the eighth straight year, extramural funding has set a new campus record—an indicator of remarkable strength in research, training, and public service. In fiscal year 2003–2004, sponsored projects totaled $161.4 million—12% above the previous year’s total of $143.9 million, almost 100% more than 10 years ago, and the biggest dollar increase in more than a decade.

Between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004, the Office of Research processed 1,081 awards. It submitted 1,796 proposals—146 (9%) more than in FY03, providing further evidence of the campus’ intellectual energy.

Charts describing UCSB’s extramural funding are attached. A few points about the material:

- Chart 2, which details sponsors’ awards, includes a breakdown of total federal dollars (showing, for example, that NSF funding, which is up 14 percent over FY03, accounts for 41% of the $121 million federal total). But because $17.8 million of funds from private, nonprofit sponsors are flow-through monies from federal sources (primarily from multi-institution collaborations), total federal funding of campus research actually reached $138.8 million in FY 04, or 86% of all extramural support. The previous fiscal year totaled $121.6 million, or 85 percent. Additional evidence of UCSB’s intellectual and research capital: Several large Army awards, including funds for the Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies, totaled $17.2 million, an increase of 1,021%; Department of Energy support rose 41% to $7.7 million; and industry funding, amounting to $9.5 million from 63 agencies, is up 40%.

- Considered together, Charts 3 and 8 provide complementary overviews of award data for the colleges and schools. Chart 3 is based on the traditional compilation by administering unit; Chart 8 demonstrates the schools’ contributions by assigning award dollars to the home unit of the project’s first-named principal investigator.

The attached charts and the tabulated data from which they were generated can be found on the Office of Research web site at research.ucsb.edu/reports. In the meantime, we hope that this information helps you assess the research vitality in academic departments and research centers to aid in future planning. (As you are aware, the Office of Research collects award data only; the Budget Office oversees expenditure data. Please see Chart 12 for the 10-year expenditure profile.)

We are forwarding this information to Paul Desruisseaux for his office’s use in drafting a press release about the campus’ impressive strengths in research and discovery, public service, and training.

Please contact Chris Sneathen at x3726 or sneathen@omni.ucsb.edu if you have specific questions about these charts or the additional data on our website. And of course I am always available to answer any questions you may have.

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