As campus sponsored project statistics for the past fiscal year demonstrate, UCSB’s research momentum continues to grow rapidly. From July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003, extramural funding to the campus maintained its accelerating upward trajectory to reach **$143.9 million**—setting a new campus record for the seventh straight year. A strong indicator of UCSB’s pre-eminence in research, public service, and training, this unprecedented campus total is 10% higher than the $130.4 million awarded in the previous fiscal year and 77% more than what UCSB received just 10 years ago. In the past fiscal year, the Office of Research processed 1,112 contracts and grants. A total of 1,641 proposals requesting $701.4 million—a 45% dollar increase over FY02—were submitted during the same period, setting the stage for continued rapid growth in our research portfolio.

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

- Chart 2 (2003 Awards by Sponsor, with Breakout of Federal Sponsors) includes a breakdown of total federal dollars (showing, for example, that NSF funding accounts for 44% of the $102.4 million federal total). An important point of note is that $19.2 million of funds from private, nonprofit sponsors are actually flow-through monies from federal sources, primarily from multi-institution collaborations. Total **federal funding of campus research thus reached $121.6 million in FY03, or 85% of all extramural funding**—compared with $103.7 million in FY02. Additional evidence of UCSB’s intellectual as well as research capital: NIH funding rose 34% to $15 million and DARPA funding rose 510% to nearly $10 million.

- 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 highlights the schools’ contributions by assigning award dollars to the home unit of the projects’ 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 after September 30, 2003. In the meantime, we hope that this information helps you assess the research vitality of our academic departments and research centers to aid in future campus planning. (As you are aware, the Office of Research collects award data only; the Budget Office oversees expenditure data.)

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

Please contact Chris Sneathen at x3726 or sneathan@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.