

UIC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Committee on Research
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The Committee on Research is charged with advising the Dean on the administration of general purpose research grants, developing means by which research may be fostered, and encouraging institutional procurement of research funds. The Committee has not met for several years, because its role to evaluate pilot grant proposals ended when the university pilot grant program was suspended.

On March 9, 2009 the Committee on Research reconvened, to consider how the College might respond to the new opportunities for research funding that arise from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which includes \$10B in new National Institutes of Health funding.

Both clinical and basic science Committee members attended, as did regional members by conference call, plus guests including the CCTS and Cancer Center directors. The nature and mechanisms of NIH ARRA programs were discussed, particularly ARRA funds for equipment. Several major equipment proposals were mentioned to be in development, including a research-dedicated human imaging 3T MRI, EPR instrumentation, intra-vital microscopy, multi-photon microscopy, small animal MRI, and high throughput small molecule testing. The Committee consensus was that the discussion was valuable, that the members should relate what they learned to other faculty to encourage leadership in instrumentation grants, and that a subsequent meeting would also have value.

Respectfully submitted,

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