Present: Paul Alberto, Dan Benardot, Roberta Byrum, Gayle Christian, Conrad Ciccotello, Mohamad Ghazi, Wanda Lopez-Rochford, Arthur Murphy, Tom Netzel, Kathleen Pittman, Bala Ramesh, Mary Ann Romski, Don Reitzes, Laurie Tis, Vijay Vaishnavi,

I. Approval of Minutes from October 21st meeting.

II. Old Business

1. The Committee passes a Resolution (first enacted by the University Senate on October 18, 1979) that all indirect costs recovered from continuing education, research, and public service be evenly divided between the University and the Department that generated the funds.

2. Mary Ann Romski presented a working draft of the Policy for the Advancement of Women Into Academic Administration. After discussion the Committee unanimously passed a motion to endorse the policy.

III. Standing and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

1. Roberta Byrum reported that the Research Infrastructure Subcommittee had met and is working with the VP for Finance and Administration on the issues raised at the October meeting.

2. Al Baumstark noted that the Responsible Conduct of Research had met and will be meeting again in the next few weeks.

3. Al Baumstark asked all Committee members to review the Action Plan and to pass on recommendations for changes to him. Al will bring to the Strategic Planning Initiative Subcommittee a copy of our Resolution recommending increases in the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for the Internal Grants Program and the Office of Research.

IV. Report from the Associate VP for Research

Art Murphy addressed the Committee and outlined some of his activities in the Research Office. He promised to report back to the Committee on the assessment of the internal grants programs undertaken by the Research Office.

VII. Announcements

The Committee decided to cancel its scheduled meeting on December 16th. The next Senate Research Committee meeting will be on January 27, 2003, 3:00-5:00 PM in 718-G.
Division of Indirect Cost Recoveries

Resolution
Indirect costs recovered from external grants or contracts at the fixed or maximum rate allowed by the sponsor will be evenly divided by the University and the Department generating the funds.

If a department negotiates a lower rate with a sponsor, the University’s share will remain 50% of the maximum rate allowed by the sponsor.

This will be effective July 1, 2003.

Rationale
The University Senate passed a motion on 10/18/79 that all indirect costs recovered from continuing education, research and public service be evenly divided between the University and the Department that generated the funds. However, in practice indirect costs that are less than either the federal government’s or state’s fixed indirect rate are retained by the University. This resolution is to bring the practice in line with the original intent of the Senate.

Approved by the Senate Research Committee on 11/18/02 and forwarded to the Senate Executive Committee on 11/19/02.