The following people were present for all or a portion of the meeting:

**PACUR Members**
Yvette Richardson, Penn State University – Chair  
Terri Adams, Howard University  
Simona Bordoni, Caltech  
John Braun, UCP  
Dan Czizco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Greg Hakim, University of Washington  
Tracie Holloway, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Jennifer Griswold, University of Hawaii  
David Nolan, University of Miami  
Bob Rauber, University of Illinois  
Elizabeth Ritchie, University of Arizona  
Alan Robock, Rutgers University  
Roger Samleson, Oregon State University  
Bob Street, Stanford University  
Mike Wiltberger, NCAR

**UCAR, NCAR, UCP Attendees**
Tom Bogdan, UCAR President  
Emily CoBabe- Ammann, UCP Director  
Aneka Finley, UCAR Governance Office  
Bob Henson, UCAR Communications  
Jim Hurrell, NCAR Director  
Hanne Mauriello, UCAR President’s Office  
Meg McClellan, UCAR General Council  
Susan Montgomery-Hodge, UCAR President’s Office

1. PACUR Chair Yvette Richardson called the meeting or order and welcomed PACUR members in the room and the three members joining via audio conference. She asked for comments or corrections on the October 2013 PACUR minutes. Hearing none, PACUR members approved the notes.

2. Welcome and Update on UCAR Activities: UCAR President Tom Bogdan stated that he depends on PACUR to convey the pulse of what’s going on in the community and give him feedback on how we can better partner with and move information out to the community. Bogdan announced that Hanne Mauriello would be leading the university relations programs including UVISit and UCAR Connect.
3. Business Development: Ari Gerstman gave an introduction to UCAR’s Business Development and pointed out that his goal is to pursue and increase the funding pie for everyone, not just UCAR/NCAR, by finding new funding streams in a strategic approach, similar to what businesses do. Gerstman said he is available to assist university members in developing a tailored business development strategy for their departments. Within a business development team, a collaborative approach is taken to be able to share and receive information from colleagues in order to put together an excellent proposal. He encouraged universities to present themselves as leading experts in niche fields for future UCAR collaboration opportunities. PACUR members expressed some concern regarding possible conflicts of interest that might develop between NCAR and the universities if there is not a mechanism to broadly share information.

4. UCAR Strategic Plan: Tom Bogdan related the process of creating a new strategic plan for UCAR. He emphasized that this is a work in progress and he welcomes input from PACUR members. The goal is to have a short, concise, actionable strategic plan to present to the Members at their October 2014 meeting. He reviewed the reasons for a new UCAR strategic plan including the renewal of the cooperative agreement with NSF and the almost entirely new senior management team since the current plan was written.

5. NCAR Strategic Plan: Jim Hurrell reviewed the process of creating the current version of the NCAR Strategic Plan. He encouraged comments from PACUR members on this version. The BOT will consider and formally approve the plan at their May meeting. Once it is approved, it will go to the NSF for their approval. Jim is very supportive of the UCAR Strategic Plan; UCAR serves as a nexus and a facilitator for the broad community.

6. Open Sky: - Jennifer Phillips from the NCAR Library introduced Open Sky, which is a repository of scholarship from NCAR and UCP from the last 20 years. Open Sky is compliant with UCAR’s Open Access Policy and AGU and AMS have reduced their embargo to six months for full open access. Springer provides access at the time of publication. PACUR members inquired whether this could be broadened to include university scholarship as well. While this is not possible at this time, it will be kept in mind for the future.

7. UCP Update: Emily CoBabe-Ammann gave a brief update on the seven UCP programs. She highlighted UCAR Connect, a one-stop shop for collection of audience-focused and topic-driven digital resources accessible across all platforms and devices to reach people nationally and internationally. A PACUR representative is needed to participate as a member of the UCAR Connect Management Committee. Emily also highlighted the Climate Services Teaming Hub. This starts with audience needs and focuses on building back to training, education, data delivery, etc. as well as the evaluation of climate products to make sure they meet end user needs.

8. ASP Update: Chris Davis reviewed ASP’s mission of stimulating the research community’s intellect in graduate students, post-doctoral students, or early career scientists. Chris reported the two stages of the search process for ASP post-docs: the top half are selected on scientific potential. Then applicants are considered based on strategic needs in NCAR divisions. Approximately ten postdoctoral fellows are selected each year; 35% of applicants and hires are female. After post-docs left NCAR during 2005-2011, 40% were tenure-track faculty, 40% went into research positions, 15% went on to a second post-doc position, and the remaining few percent went into other types of positions.

9. Members Meeting Planning: Yvette Richardson noted that PACUR would again host a lunch for the member reps during the Members meeting. Ideas on getting people engaged include posting a PACUR
member at each table. Perhaps PACUR could develop an agenda and topics to discuss at the luncheon such as proposed by-law changes.

For the poster session with NCAR and UCP being planned, videos, equipment, etc. were encouraged rather than just posters. Perhaps some Members could also present, especially those who have successfully collaborated with NCAR and UCP. Yvette also reported on the UCAR Governance Task Group (GTG) proposed bylaw changes. The GTG recognized that too many issues were presented at once last year. This year, the one vote per institution will be considered as well as cleaning up the Nomination Committee process.

10. Thesis Committee Update: Yvette reported that PACUR members would like some type of simple process in which NCAR scientists who are willing to volunteer for a masters or a PhD thesis dissertation committee can list their name, contact information, and specialty. It is hoped that this could be a mechanism for fostering new collaborations with the university community.

11. Non-Core Proposal Subcommittee Report: Jeff Trapp stated that two changes occurred in this cycle of review: the budget threshold for proposals considered was increased from $100K to $300 K, and UCP proposals were not considered. The Subcommittee reviewed 24 proposals out of 97, and all were found to be compliant, although, a few did generate requests to NCAR for clarification. **PACUR approved the Subcommittee’s report.**

12. Update on Non-Core Proposal Review Panel. Tom Bogdan thanked Jeff Trapp and his team for the interim year of coordinating the non-core proposal review process. Tom reviewed the NSF-UCAR Cooperative Agreement language, which addresses the “retrospective review of non-NSF funded proposals in excess of $300,000.” The concern is to ensure that these non-core proposals do not have an unfair advantage by using NSF-funded NCAR staff and facilities. Tom reviewed the proposed non-core proposal review panel charter as well as the process and review criteria, which was sent to the PACUR prior to this meeting. The new panel will have six members, with three-year staggered terms. The panel members are public and are jointly appointed by the UCAR President, NCAR Director, and the PACUR Chair. One panel member will be a PACUR liaison. Contrary to the past, panel members will have access to all of the proposals in excess of $300,000. After signing a non-disclosure agreement, they will have access to the full proposal, which will help streamline the task and present an open, honest, and transparent process. The panel will meet once a year at UCAR.

Tom asked PACUR to provide input and modifications; Once PACUR has commented the proposed plan will go to NSF for approval.

~End of Meeting Notes~