Options for Motions and Recommendations

Approval, as submitted or with minor modifications

- Recommends that a stated amount be awarded *if sufficient funds are available*
- Reflects assessment of the proposal’s merits, not on the size of its budget or other considerations
- May stipulate minor modifications to scope, focus, budget and/or project period
- May recommend funding of part or all of the proposal as a pilot project, or of collection of specified preliminary data for the proposed project (at up to $10K/year for up to 2 years)

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Request resubmission with major modification

- Acknowledges a meritorious idea that is worth pursuing only after extensive revision of its experimental design, data analysis, etc.
- Stipulates major modifications that the Committee believes are needed to make the application fundable
- Invites the applicant to revise the application and submit the revision during the next regular round of competition (i.e., not as a follow-up to the present application).

Deferral

- Refers proposal for review by experts outside the Committee or the University
- Defers final evaluation until the Office of Research obtains additional administrative information

Disapproval

- Recommends that proposal not be funded even if the University has a surplus of research funds