

CHARTER COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Committee: Research Council

Report Year: 2014/15

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Committee Charge	(a) Advise in the formulation, review, and application of policy and guidelines for University research and its funding both from within and without the University; (b) Advise on questions concerning the compliance of research with University policies; (c) Advise in developing methods for informing University members about research opportunities and for stimulating, evaluating, and rewarding good research; (d) Provide a forum to which faculty and students may refer questions and recommendations concerning University research policies and procedures.
Current Year Meeting Dates	<p><i>September 29, 2014</i></p> <p><i>October 24, 2014</i></p> <p><i>November 17, 2014</i></p> <p><i>December 12, 2014</i></p> <p><i>February 27, 2015</i></p> <p><i>March 12, 2015</i></p> <p><i>April 16, 2015</i></p> <p><i>May 8, 2015</i></p>
Please indicate the typical frequency of meetings (e.g., first Tuesday of month at 4 pm). If there are subcommittees, please indicate	Approximately monthly meetings were held at times with best overlap of a majority of the committee. Some issues led to subcommittee formation (undergrad research, charter changes) and these met once or twice a month while active. A standing Publications Waiver subcommittee used

the frequency of those meetings, too.	email multiple times during the year (~5 cases reviewed in fall/spring). Several members served on the Rewards subcommittee.
Current Year Activities	<p>1) Formulated major revisions to Research Council charter, adding undergrad and postdoc representation, and broadening selection of faculty eligible to serve on RC.</p> <p>2) Discussed and helped create a talking points document for the Director of ICRU (Kirby) on ways UI and OVPR/Provost Office may creatively increase research opportunities for interested undergraduates.</p> <p>3) Provided input and suggested modifications to the draft OVPR new Institutional Conflict of Interest in Research Policy.</p> <p>4) Devoted one meeting for an in-depth discussion with Graduate College Dean John Keller on the status of graduate education at UI and challenges for the coming years.</p> <p>5) Provided advice to OVPR staff on their proposed formation of a Research Development Center in their office to aid faculty in developing competitive research grants.</p> <p>6) Had an in-depth discussion with the three faculty serving as Research Faculty Fellows in the OVPR (Durham, Scholz, Gier) on their plans for the near term and their thoughts on the impact the Fellow positions have on their careers and the OVPR office.</p>
Topics your committee anticipates addressing during the coming year	<p>1) Advise on OVPR policy for retention of research records/samples/data.</p> <p>2) Continue discussions on new ways to engage UG in research at UI.</p> <p>3) Discussing laboratory safety (EHS) and defining PI responsibilities.</p> <p>4) Brainstorming UI mechanisms to grow interdisciplinary collaborations.</p>
Other issues of concern	There was some sense that representation on RC in the recent past has lacked sufficient health or physical sciences components to effectively aid the OVPR in key advisory capacities that they require from RC.
What should we tell applicants for this committee regarding expectations of members (anticipated workload, existence of subcommittees, etc.)?	Monthly meetings with some periodic email interactions. One subcommittee assignment during the academic year that involves contributions to one or two advisory or policy documents.
The Faculty Senate Office collects agendas and minutes from the charter committees to send to the university archives. Please let us know the best way to get that information from you (e.g., direct us to a website, put us on the committee's distribution list, etc.).	<p>In the OVPR, Mike Weaver or Cheryl Reardon will have access to both agendas and posted meeting minutes. The minutes can be found on the OVPR maintained web site for Research Council.</p> <p>Mike Weaver in OVPR could send copies of approved meeting minutes and agenda PDF documents to FSO as desired.</p>
Recommendations, if any, to the shared governance groups.	We moved major charter changes through the governance groups and into the operations manual this year. I hope the new rules lead to a good mix of faculty volunteers that can effectively serve on Research Council

	and assist OVPR. Perhaps discussions with OVPR staff will be useful as new membership is being chosen in the future.
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