

**RESEARCH COUNCIL
REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE
FALL SEMESTER 2016**

The membership of the Council consists of the Dean or dean’s designee and one (1) faculty member from each college or school. The Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School serves as the chair of the Research Council. Faculty serving on the Research Council are selected by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for two-year staggered terms.

Current 2016-2017 Research Council members are:

| College | Dean/Interim | Designee | Faculty Representative |
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| BSOM | Dr. Margaret Dunn | Dr. Timothy Broderick | Dr. Nicholas V. Reo (16-18) |
| CECS | Dr. Nathan Klingbeil | Dr. Jennie J. Gallimore | Dr. Michael L. Raymer (15-17) |
| CEHS | Dr. Joseph Keferl | Dr. James Tomlin | Dr. Sharon Heilmann (16-18) |
| COLA | Dr. Kristin D. Sobolik | Dr. Linda Caron | Dr. Geoffrey R. Owens (16-18) |
| CONH | Dr. Rosalie Mainous | | Dr. Rosemary William Eustace (15-17) |
| COSM | Dr. Doug Leaman | Dr. Mark Mamrack | Dr. Abinash Agrawal (15-17) |
| LAKE | Dr. Jay Albayyari | Dr. Mark Cubberley | Dr. Stephen Jacquemin (16-18) |
| RSCB | Dr. Joanne Li | Dr. Arijit Sengupta | Dr. Zdravka K. Todorova (16-18) |
| SOPP | Dr. LePearl Logan Winfrey | Dr. Jeffery Allen | Dr. Jeffrey Cigrang (15-17) |
| GS | Dr. Robert Fyffe | Dr. William Ayres | |
| VPRG | Dr. Robert Fyffe, Research Council Chair | | |

Research Council met on October 13 and November 10. No meeting was held in September. The following members attended the respective meetings:

| October 13, 2016 | November 10, 2016 |
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| BSOM: Dr. Timothy Broderick Dr. Nicholas V. Reo | BSOM: Dr. Nicholas V. Reo |
| CECS: Dr. Brian Rigling for Dr. Jennie Gallimore Dr. Michael Raymer | CECS: Dr. Brian Rigling for Dr. Jennie Gallimore Dr. Michael Raymer |
| CEHS: Dr. Sharon Heilmann | CEHS: Dr. Sharon Heilmann |
| COLA: Dr. Kristin D. Sobolik Dr. Geoffrey Owens | COLA: Dr. Kristin D. Sobolik Dr. Geoffrey Owens |
| COSM: Dr. Mark Mamrack | CONH: Dr. Rosemary Eustace |
| GS: Dr. William Ayres | COSM: Dr. Mark Mamrack |
| LAKE: Dr. Jay Albayyari | LAKE: Dr. Jay Albayyari |
| RSCB: Dr. Arijit Sengupta Dr. Zdravka Todorova | RSCB: Dr. Zdravka Todorova |
| SOPP: Dr. Jeffrey Cigrang | SOPP: Dr. Jeffrey Allen Dr. Jeff Cigrang |
| VPRG: Dr. Robert Fyffe | VPRG: Dr. Robert Fyffe |

The following information is provided from the meeting October 13, 2016 meeting:

Dr. Fyffe called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. The minutes of the May 5, 2016 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Dr. Fyffe welcomed new council members, Dr. Geoffrey Owens (COLA-Faculty Representative) and Dr. Zdravka Todorova (RSCB-Faculty Representative), and returning members to Research Council. Research Council members and invited guests introduced themselves.

Purpose of Research Council

Dr. Fyffe advised members of the charge of Research Council and opened the floor for discussion.

Faculty Rights and Responsibilities

Faculty Constitution

Section 3. Councils

B. Research Council

Charge: The Research Council's mission is to stimulate scholarly research activities throughout the University.

The Research Council identifies needs of the faculty, analyzes research services, and recommends policies and procedures to the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies. The Research Council shall evaluate and recommend priorities for internal funds to stimulate innovative research efforts.

Membership: The membership of the Council will consist of the Dean or designee and one (1) faculty

Source: <https://www.wright.edu/faculty-senate/committees/councils>

Council members inquired about their role on Research Council and if they should advise their dean or faculty on discussions. Dr. Fyffe stated that the Research Council is "their" council and one of the important roles as a council member is to disseminate information back to their colleagues.

Dr. Reo inquired about internal funding. Dr. Fyffe stated that funding levels have been greatly reduced. It has been several years since the University received any Challenge funding from the State (i.e. 2011) and due to budgetary constraints, this year's Research Initiation and Professional Development Grants internal programs have been suspended. When the University budget situation improves, these programs will be reinstated.

Dr. Reo mentioned getting consensus for re-establishing internal funds and augmenting them in the future. Dr. Broderick indicated that the BSOM would have some funding for its internal programs. The Translational Grant Program offers the opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration. Information on the BSOM internal programs may be found at: <https://medicine.wright.edu/research/internal-grant-opportunities>

Dr. Reo mentioned that he attended the Presidential search open forum and was alarmed that research was not mentioned. In light of the budget struggles and research activities, it should be a high priority to reinstate the budget for tuition waivers and the research initiation program. Dr. Raymer said that he will deliver a resolution for “new business” at the next Research Council meeting. It would be a resolution of the Research Council that would go into the report to the Faculty Senate so that it will be read by the President and reinforce the position of the Research Council. Dean Sobolik indicated that she will work with Dr. Raymer. It was also mentioned that the resolution needs to be communicated to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Fyffe said that he will do that part.

Dr. Raymer moved to include this as new business at the next Research Council meeting. Dr. Reo second the motion.

Research Council voted unanimously in favor of a discussion of a resolution that will be provided to Faculty Senate and communicate to the Board of Trustees.

Other Business

Dr. Fyffe advised council members that the Office of the Vice President for Research will be going through a 360 review sometime during this semester.

Ellen Reinsch Friese extended an invitation to attend the Research and Sponsored Program Orientation on Friday, October 14, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Student Union (E156).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The following information is provided from the meeting November 10, 2016 meeting:

Dr. Fyffe called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. The minutes of the October 13 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Dr. Fyffe stated that the 360 review of the Office of the Vice President for Research, mentioned at last month’s Council meeting, has started. Dr. Berberich is leading the internal committee. The internal committee recently held its first meeting and is laying the groundwork for collection of data that will ultimately be provided to the external reviewers, to be selected by the Provost. The timeline has not been finalized, however, data gathering will take place this semester with the external review and site visit during Spring semester. Dr. Fyffe opened the floor for questions.

Dr. Sobolik inquired about the composition of the internal committee. Dr. Fyffe stated that Dr. Berberich is chairing the internal committee which is comprised of the following members:

- Ms. Ellen Reinsch Friese – Associate Vice President for Research
- Dr. Doug Leaman – COSM, Dean
- Dr. Javier Alvarez-Leefmans – BSOM, Professor, Pharmacology & Toxicology and Faculty Senator
- Dr. Valerie Shalin – COSM, Psychology Department, Associate Professor and Human Factors Area Leader
- Dr. Joseph Slater – CECS, Chair of Mechanical & Materials Engineering
- Brigadier General (Ret.) Rufus Smith – WSARC, Director, Operational Support and Shared Services

The committee will be reaching out to the campus community (faculty, staff, Research Council, etc.) to provide feedback that Dr. Berberich and the committee will compile and forward to the external reviewers.

Dr. Fyffe stated that the 360 review is a very important process and noted it will be a huge amount of work for the VPR administration and team on top of the already increased workloads with the current staffing shortages. Dr. Fyffe assured the membership that the VPR units will continue to focus on maintaining exceptional levels of service during the process.

Resolution: University Funding of Research

Dr. Raymer presented an overview of the discussion that took place at last month's Council meeting regarding the role of research in the Presidential search process. After discussing this concern with several constituents and members of Research Council, Dr. Raymer drafted a positive toned letter. The intention of the letter is to bring the process of the Presidential search to the attention of the Faculty Senate as this group has the most likely long-term impact on the research direction of the university in the foreseeable future.

Dr. Raymer stated that, given the current budget process, it is unlikely that there will be any significant budgetary changes over the next year, but the Presidential search may have some meaningful impact. The wording of the letter will strongly suggest to the Presidential Search Committee the need to emphasize candidates' support of research and scholarship and request that open research forums be scheduled for faculty to be able to ask those specific questions. Dr. Raymer hopes that this would be a mechanism in which input into the search process would be expressed and the voice of Research Council could be heard.

Dr. Raymer opened the meeting to discuss recommended changes to the draft.

Dr. Reo inquired as to whether Dr. Raymer had spoken with Faculty Senate President Loranger about bringing this to Faculty Senate as a resolution. Dr. Raymer indicated he had not, but has spoken with Dr. Travis Doom, Vice President of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Doom expressed that he was in favor of the idea of a research forum, but thought it was too late to do any structural changes to the search committee. Dr. Doom stated that the strongest way for Research Council to impact the search is by participating in the process and making the Council's views known on the research credentials and visions of the candidates.

Dr. Reo stated he was pleased to see a reasonable section on research at the University in the Presidential Search announcement. Dr. Fyffe stated that originally there was a paragraph from several years ago and that he suggested, and Mr. Doug Fecher (Board of Trustee's member) agreed, that it be improved.

Dr. Jay Albayyari advised that he is serving on the Search Committee and expressed confidence that the Committee will seriously consider the research credentials of candidates, given its importance at WSU. Dr. Albayyari suggested Research Council members make a point to attend the open forums and ask questions regarding research and the candidates vision to move research forward. Dr. Albayyari asked if something was mentioned that has alarmed members to think that research would not be an important topic.

Dr. Reo advised that in the two hour Presidential Search open forum he attended recently, that research was not mentioned until he personally brought the subject up. The focus at the open forum was on enrollment, diversity, student success, and disabilities. Dr. Albayyari believes this was an oversight and that research will be a very important factor.

Dr. Raymer thought it may be sufficient to make sure there are research topics on the agenda at the open forums. He does not know what materials the Search Committee intends to solicit from the candidates; i.e. research vision, statement of leadership, etc. It may be enough to request a statement of research vision from candidates (it is not uncommon to request this type of information for Chair and Dean candidates). It was suggested that the candidates' vision statement be distributed and Research Council members must commit to attending the candidate forums.

Dr. Albayyari would like to see Research Council members attend the open forums and ask questions about research and how the operation of the VPR office is going to continue to receive the support needed to keep WSU competitive.

Dr. Raymer indicated that if Research Council members are committed to attending the forums, Council can agree to either amend the letter/resolution or to take no action at this time. The amended version would include a request for a statement of research vision to be solicited as part of the materials to distribute to faculty. Research Council members will then have an opportunity to review and evaluate the research vision of potential candidates.

Dr. Reo believes that for past searches, there is a list of topics for candidates to speak about during open forums and suggested the research vision topic be included in that list. Dr. Albayyari stated he is confident the selection committee will bring the right candidate to campus who has a research background and the candidate's research vision will be included in the list of topics.

Dr. Fyffe asked Dr. Raymer to revise the wording of the resolution based on today's conversation. As Dr. Raymer mentioned at the beginning of the discussion, the approach would be for the final version to be included in the minutes of today's Research Council meeting. In addition, Dr. Fyffe asked everyone on Council to commit to attending the open forums of the candidates, ask the hard questions and complete the feedback form at the open forums.

The mechanism for submitting the resolution will be to include it in the Research Council minutes and the Faculty Senate semester report. Concern was raised regarding the attention that would be given to this topic at the Faculty Senate meeting. Dr. Fyffe encouraged Research Council members who serve on the Faculty Senate to address this topic at the Faculty Senate meeting.

Revised Resolution submitted by Dr. Raymer:

Members of the Faculty Senate,

The mission of the Research Council includes stimulating scholarly activities throughout the University, and recommending priorities for internal funds to stimulate innovative research efforts. The members of the council recognize that a robust research enterprise is central to the University's mission to build a solid foundation for student success, to impact the quality of life, and to drive the economic revitalization of our region and our state. Research and scholarly activities are essential in attracting and retaining world-class faculty, in recruiting and supporting a talented student body at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, in building partnerships with industry and government, and in ensuring the relevance and quality of the education we offer our students. Moreover, active research and scholarly programs are key determinants of the national reputation of Wright State University.

In light of the principal role of faculty and student driven research in the future prosperity of our University, the Research Council calls on the University leadership to: emphasize a record of support for research and scholarship in the evaluation of candidates for President of the University and selection of candidates to invite for on-campus interviews; ask each candidate selected for on-campus interviews to provide a statement of research vision for consideration by the campus community; and include topics related to the candidate's vision for research and scholarship in campus open forums.

Other Business

Dr. Fyffe spoke about the "Flash Report" that was recently sent to the University listserv in an effort to help the whole campus community understand the complexity and nature of the research enterprise and to highlight the outstanding efforts both the faculty researchers and staff put in on a day-by-day basis to support the University. Any questions about the "Flash Report" should be directed to Dr. Fyffe.

In other business, Dr. Fyffe turned to the subject of financial conflict of interest and advised that the Outside Interest Committee (OIC) is a mandated committee constituted to resolve potential or apparent financials conflicts of interest by implementing reasonable controls. The controls may require the university to develop a management plan to make sure the conflict does not adversely impact the conduct or the performance of the relevant research.

Note: Financial Conflicts of Interest are NOT illegal, but do need to be managed appropriately by discussions with the PI and others within the research group.

The OIC is a faculty committee, supported by Mr. Grushon, Director of Research Compliance, and staff within the VPR office. Subject matter experts also attend meetings if needed. Research Council is required to fill three (3) core faculty positions on the Committee. Currently

serving on the OIC from the Research Council are Dr. Heilmann and Dr. Jacquemin. At this time, one Research Council member is needed to serve. Mr. Grushon asked for a Research Council faculty member to volunteer. OIC meetings are scheduled as the need arises, but are not more than once per month. Dr. Heilmann stated that she has enjoyed serving on the Committee and has learned a great deal regarding the research that is being conducted on campus.

Dr. Fyffe opened the floor for a volunteer. Dr. Jeff Cigrang volunteered to serve.

Announcements

The Office of the Vice President for Research and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs are sponsoring two grant writing seminars in January 2017 which will again be conducted by Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops:

- Wednesday, January 25
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Write Winning Grant Proposals
A day-long seminar with emphasis on applications to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). Faculty, Post-Docs and research staff who are actively engaged in research and writing grant proposals are encouraged to attend.
- Thursday, January 26
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
NSF CAREER Award
A half-day seminar designed for eligible faculty, as determined by the Program Solicitation, who are preparing to submit a National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award proposal are encouraged to attend.

Registration is required. Please visit the event website for detailed information and to request registration: <https://www.wright.edu/research/about/workshop-registration-request>

Dr. Fyffe mentioned the outstanding NIH Guidelines seminar that was conducted by Dr. Tom Brown of the Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology, on Wednesday, November 9, in the auditorium of the Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration building. The seminar focused on the recent changes to the NIH proposal application structure and elements of the review process. The seminar was very well attended by faculty and staff. Dr. Fyffe expressed his gratitude to Dr. Brown for taking the time to present this topic and share this critical information with the University community.

Ms. Reinsch Friese announced the implementation of the newest module in InfoEd, Human Subjects, to be used for electronic submission of IRB applications. A training session is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Below is the training announcement issued on the FAC and STAFF listservs and the Research Council Office 365 SharePoint Site:

Friedman, Kathleen M.

From: Research Council <no-reply@sharepointonline.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 4:52 PM
To: Friedman, Kathleen M.
Subject: InfoEd Training - IRB

As requested at today's Research Council meeting, following is the information emailed to the FAC and STAFF listservs on the December 6, IRB electronic submissions.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs is offering an investigator training session on how to use the new IRB electronic submission system in InfoED (aka RSP Gateway) on Tuesday, December 6th, from 9-10:30 a.m. in Library Annex 012.

The new InfoED human subjects (HS) module is currently open for voluntary submission of new non-full board studies. Please note that investigators will be able to submit new IRB studies via the current paper petitions until March 1, 2017. However, you are encouraged to sign up for a training session as soon as possible because there will be a limited number of training session offered before March 1st.

Seating is limited. Please contact Robyn Wilks, Institutional Review Board Coordinator, at robyn.wilks@wright.edu by Friday, December 2, 2016, to reserve a seat.

Detailed instructions and guidance materials for the HS Module can be found at: <https://www.wright.edu/research/compliance/human-subjects>.

Thank you for your interest.

Dr. Fyffe stated that a significant amount of time (approximately two years to develop), money and effort have been expended to implement the Human Subjects module. The new module will help solve many logistical issues experienced with the current antiquated paper based system. This is an example of assisting faculty and streamlining processes with an exceptionally highly regulated process.

Ms. Reinsch Friese added that the InfoEd module for submission of animal protocols will be available in the near future. In addition, Ms. Markopoulos, of Environmental Health and Safety, is currently working on a module for Institutional Biosafety (IBC) protocols.

Ms. Reinsch Friese invited Council members to visit the website (<https://www.wright.edu/research/compliance/human-subjects>) to review the materials and processes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.