Research Council

Charge:

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. As funded research within the academic units of Wright State University is an important component of our mission and institutional reputation, the Research Council shall participate in strategic planning affecting the university’s research profile, and regularly evaluate and make recommendations regarding the university’s efforts to stimulate, facilitate, and sustain funded academic research. The Research Council shall also regularly evaluate and recommend priorities for internal funds to stimulate innovative research efforts. The Research Council shall work with the Faculty to formulate, recommend, and assess mechanisms to increase the rate of proposal submissions by academic faculty, increase the rate of proposal awards, and facilitate timely execution of funded research programs.

The Research Council shall also work with academic programs to develop strategies for

- increasing student research activities, especially funded research activities, at all levels
- increasing the number students pursuing research activities at WSU
- increasing the number of scholarly works co-authored with students.

The Research Council will provide a written report to the Faculty Senate providing quantitative longitudinal measures of research productivities by college, including those listed above, at the Senate’s first meeting of the academic year.

Membership:

The membership of Research Council will consist of one (1) faculty member from each college or school and two (2) additional faculty at-large, selected by the Faculty Senate and serving two-year staggered terms; four (4) academic deans (two STEM, two non-STEM) selected by the Provost and serving two-year staggered terms; and three (3) associate deans (at least one of whom will be non-STEM) selected by the Council of Deans, serving two-year staggered terms. The Vice President for Research and one faculty council member selected by the Senate Executive Committee shall co-chair the Council. The faculty co-chair shall work with the VPR to set the agenda of the Council, provide leadership to the faculty membership and shall report orally to the Senate on Council activities at least once per semester.

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