

FY-12 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Approved by FacEx: 5/24/2011

Approved by Faculty Senate: 9/8/11

- Contact FacEx chair Rodolfo Torres (torres@math.ku.edu) for further information or to schedule a meeting with FacEx to discuss recommendations for action on the charges.
- Minutes of each meeting should be e-mailed to the Governance Office (govern@ku.edu) as soon as they are approved. The minutes will be posted to the Governance web site.
- If the committee is recommending a change to university policy or rules, FacEx must officially receive that recommendation by 03/13/12 in order to meet timeline requirements for full review by Governance.
- Please send a report of the committee's actions on each of the charges, as well as any recommendations the committee wishes to make concerning charges or membership for the following academic year, to University Governance, at govern@ku.edu. Please include the names of committee members and submit the report by April 1, 2012. If the committee still expects to conduct business after April 1, please submit a report by April 1 and later submit any addenda that may be appropriate.

Standing Charges:

1. Monitor the administration of the General Research Fund (GRF) and make recommendations, as needed, to ensure its effectiveness and appropriate utilization. Report to FacEx concerning actions taken with respect to this charge by 02/28/12. Special charges under Standing Charge #1 are:
 - a. Continue to work with GRF entities to establish transparent and effective guidelines in time for the next GRF 3-year review (spring 2013). Report to FacEx concerning actions taken with respect to this charge by 02/28/12.
 - b. Continue to work with the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, the GRF entities, and the Stakeholders group to ensure that the new Faculty Activity Reporting System (FARS) implements the customization necessary to use the system for GRF reporting and applications. Report to FacEx concerning actions taken with respect to this charge by 02/28/2012.
 - c. Look at GRF guidelines from RGS and individual entities for compatibility and consistency. Make recommendations to FacEx as needed.
2. Monitor the execution of the University's Restricted Research Policy (Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations, Article IX) in handling requests for exceptions.
3. Serve as the body to hear faculty appeals of research rejected by the restricted research committee or by the Vice Provost for Research, as specified in the Restricted Research Policy.
4. Monitor the implementation of policies and procedures for determining which proposals will go forward in cases where the number of grant applications that may be submitted from the University is limited. Identify problems or concerns, and report issues and recommendations to FacEx.
5. Work with the ACEC (Academic Computing and Electronic Communications) Committee to process needs for and issues with computing and telecommunications for research, including recommendations for sustainable policies and procedures. Monitor ongoing and new developments of the autonomous Information Technology (IT) division and report issues and recommendations to FacEx as needed.

Specific charges:

1. Gather information on the methodology used by Academic Analytics (AA) and by their sources. Report to FacEx by 11/1/2011.
2. Consider issues related to the use of AA for external evaluations of the University and internal research evaluations for departments, programs and faculty; the applicability of AA metrics to diverse disciplines; and the flexibility or possibility to incorporate other qualitative and quantitative metrics into AA method of analysis. Report to FacEx on this special charge as the process evolves.
3. Work with the different advising groups at the University level that will be in charge of devising uses of Academic Analytics and other aspects of the new Strategic Planning Initiatives related to research. Report issues, concerns and recommendations to FacEx as the process evolves.
4. Review Article IX Restricted Research Policy of the FSRR for updates and modifications suggested last year by RGS. Report to FacEx by November 1, 2011.