

University Research Committee

Summary of Activities, 2015-2016 Academic Year

Six 90-minute meetings were held. Professor Caroline Wagner was elected Chair, and Professor Bala Balasubramaniam served as Vice Chair. The list of committee members serving during this academic year is attached.

I. **Advising**

- Intellectual Property. Provided review and comments to the University Senate Intellectual Property, Patents, and Copyright Committee and the Fiscal Committee on changes around intellectual property and ownership of the results of research, Chapters 5 and 13.
- Role of Committee. Informed the Committee on Academic Affairs about the activities of the University Research Committee.
- University Centers. Reviewed the application and commented on two proposals to establish University Centers.
- Committee Membership. Provided the Senate Cabinet with a list of candidates to invite to serve on the committee for the next academic year.
- Formally advised the Office of Research on four cases of research misconduct.
- Provided input on the review process around updates to the chemical hygiene plan that led to positive changes for the research process.

II. **Oversight**

- Discovery Themes. The committee requested and received a briefing by Dr. Michael Boehm on research progress under the Discovery Themes. Additional input may be requested.
- Institutional Review Board. Continued to monitor progress on the IRB review process changes and improvements. Satisfied with the rate of improvement to date and considering issuing a statement to the university research community noting the actions taken to improve the process.
- Rewarding interdisciplinary research. Requested and received a briefing by Vice Provost Kay Wolf on progress towards enhancing metrics for faculty research activities. The committee will provide input on this issue early in the next academic year.

III. Service

- Hosted two open meetings at the Research Commons, one on the problems associated with open access publishing, and one on the question of measuring and reviewing collaborative research activities.
- Initiated inquiries into the need for “Expert Search” capabilities at Ohio State. Will continue on this issue in the next academic year.
- Drafted a Code of Conduct for the Research Committee to forward to the Senate Office.

Membership

Name	College / Department
Begun, Audrey	College of Social Work
Wagner, Caroline (Chair)	Glenn College of Public Affairs
Yilmaz, Alper	College of Engineering
Rosol, Tom	College of Veterinary Medicine
Tridandapani, Susheela	College of Medicine
Kumar, Purnima	College of Dentistry, Periodontology
Salsberry, Pam	College of Public Health
Justice, Laura	School of Teaching, College of Education & Human Ecology
Balasubramaniam, Bala	College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
Cole, David	School of Earth and Sciences
Dutta, Prabir	College of Arts and Sciences Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Ringle, Michael	Moritz College of Law
Weber, Ashley	College of Nursing
Mahr, Steven	College of Arts and Sciences, Economics, Political Science
Dietrich, Richard	Fisher College
Herness, Scott	Graduate School
Whitacre, Caroline	Office of Research

Dabdoub, Sharif

Post-doctoral student association, observer