

## University Research Committee

Summary of Activities, 2019-2020 Academic Year

25 May 2020

The URC conducted six 90-minute meetings during the 2019-2020 academic year (9/24/2019, 11/7/2019, 1/9/2020, 2/27/2020, 3/31/2020, and 4/28/2020). Dr. Abigail Norris Turner (Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine) is Chair and Dr. Eric Johnson (University Libraries) is Vice-Chair. Both Dr. Turner and Dr. Johnson were reelected in April 2020 to serve the same roles for the 2020-21 academic year.

The 2019-2020 activities of the URC have focused on three primary areas:

1. working with the Office of Research to implement OSU’s Strategic Plan Pillar III (Research and Creative Expression);
2. working with the Office of Research Compliance to revise procedures related to research misconduct, conflict of interest and other topics; and
3. responding to urgent campus developments that have consequences for research directly or for faculty directing research (for example: increase in the F&A rate for industry-sponsored research; federal changes related to reporting/participating in research collaborations with foreign entities; role of the new Office of Secure Research; and, for the last 3 months of the academic year, all things related to COVID-19 [both the consequences for existing research and opportunities/challenges for future research])).

### Activities

Description	Output/deliverable
Board of Trustees “Scorecard” for the University’s Strategic Plan: While metrics in the BOT scorecard were developed elsewhere in response to Strategic Plan Pillar III, the URC developed “antecedent metrics” to track progress indicators for achieving BOT goals	Antecedent metrics table delivered to the Office of Research
White House’s Office of Science and Technology Policy request about the “American research environment” (relating to conflicts of interest, data security, data sharing, involvement of foreign collaborators and other topics): The URC provided feedback to the Office of Research Compliance regarding this federal request for information	URC responses integrated into Office of Research Compliance response to the White House’s Office of Science and Technology
Conflict of Interest: The URC participated in a major overhaul of the University conflict of interest disclosure process	Revised conflict of interest procedures
Research compliance: The URC participated in revisions to research misconduct protocols	Revised URC by-laws to include role for selecting faculty for the Research Integrity Standing Committee (RISC)
Status of faculty researchers: The URC surveyed departments across campus to understand variability in procedures for assigning M vs. P status	Report drafted for the Graduate School to be shared post COVID-19 crisis
COVID-19: The URC is advising the Office of Research regarding the roll-out of the staged “Research Recovery” plan, including consequences for personnel, internal and extramural funding, research progress and other topics	Feedback incorporated into the final reopening plans

## Membership

Last	First	Source	Term Expires	Unit
<b>Voting members</b>				
Bailey	Melissa	Faculty Council	2020	Optometry
Campbell	Moray	Faculty Council	2021	Pharmacy
Carlarne	Cinnamon	Faculty Council	2021	Law
Elgamel	Sara	Post Doc	2020	Arts and Sciences
Ezeji	Thaddeus	Faculty Council	2022	Food, Ag, and Envir Science
Gallagher	James	IPC	2020	Medicine
Grottoli	Andrea	Faculty Council	2020	Arts and Sciences
Heremans	Joseph	Faculty Council	2021	Engineering
Hibler	David	CGS	2020	Public Health
Jackson	Rebecca	Presidential	2020	Medicine
Johnson	Eric	Faculty Council	2022	University Libraries
Kloos	Anne	Faculty Council	2021	School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
Kumar	Purnima	Faculty Council	2021	Dentistry
Lang	Jan	Faculty Council	2022	Arts and Sciences
Marras	William	Presidential	2020	Engineering
Minozzi	William	Faculty Council	2022	Arts and Sciences
Norris Turner	Abigail	Faculty Council	2022	Medicine
Pickler	Rita	Faculty Council	2020	Nursing
Shah	Utkarsh	CGS	2020	Engineering
Spanbauer	Calvin	USG	2020	Fisher
Zong	Sunny	Research Staff	2022	Engineering Research Operations
<b>Non-voting members</b>				
Bertone	Alicia	Dean, Graduate School (non-voting)	----	Office of Academic Affairs
Garfinkel	Susan	OR Staff	----	Office of Research
Murumkar	Asmita	Post Doc (non-voting)	2020	Food, Ag, and Envir Science
Sikora	Matthew	OR Staff	----	Office of Research
Stone	Morley	SVP Research (non-voting)	----	Office of Research
Turner	Brian	Senate Fiscal Committee Chair (non-voting)	----	Education & Human Ecology
Weisenberger	Jan	OR Staff	----	Office of Research
Yucel	Jennifer	OR Staff	----	Office of Research