

University Research Committee

Summary of Activities, 2017-2018 Academic Year

Six 90-minute meetings were held. Professor Purnima Kumar was elected Chair in May 2017. The list of committee members serving during this academic year is attached.

I. Advising

- Role of Committee. Informed the Committee on Academic Affairs about the activities of the University Research Committee.
- Committee Membership. Provided the Senate Cabinet with a list of candidates to invite to serve on the committee for the next academic year.
- Research Integrity: Members of the URC were part of two Committees of Initial Inquiry that advised the Office of Research on research misconduct.
- Provided input during the process of acquiring an electronic lab notebook (Lab Archives) that led to positive changes for the research process.
- Provided a report and recommendation of Center for Higher Education Enterprise (CHEE)
- Provided a report and recommendation on the Newark Earthwork Center (NEC)

II. Oversight

- Institutional Review Board. IRB processes for faculty with dual appointments at NCH and OSU. The committee requested and received a briefing by Dr. Andrea Grottoli regarding the challenges faced by dual appointed faculty. Dr. Weisenberger provided input on the process and the ORRP's efforts to reduce duplication of effort. Additional input may be requested.
- Ohio Supercomputing Facility. Received a briefing from Dr. John Herbert, Chair of OSC Center Statewide User Group on the proposed research fees to be implemented by the OSC for large-scale users. Dr. Herbert expressed dismay at this proposal and drew the committee's attention to the fact that this contravenes the hiring mission of the Data Analytics Discovery Theme. Dr. Randy Moses recognized this as a potential challenge to hiring early career faculty, and will continue these discussions with the Technology committee. The URC will stay involved and received periodic updates on the progress of this situation.
- Qualtrics: The committee requested and received a briefing from Mr. Jay Johnson from the Institutional Research and Planning Office on the issues that are being created due to attempts in making Qualtrics ADA compliant. The committee heard from several of

its members about the challenges being faced by ongoing surveys due to this requirement for ADA compliance. The issues are with surveys already conducted, not future surveys. The committee will monitor the responsiveness of Qualtrics in helping to mitigate these issues.

III. Service

- Created bylaws that will govern the membership, duties and responsibilities of the University Research Committee. In recognition of the diverse role played by the URC, the committee voted to expand membership, and to focus on inclusion and diversity as key objectives in constituting this committee. These bylaws will be incorporated into the Committee
- Rules and submitted for approval to the Rules committee in August 2017.
- Formed a sub-committee to develop a white paper on authorship guidelines. The sub-committee has met twice, and is working towards developing a draft for the URC to review in the August 2018 meeting.
- Formed a sub-committee to align the Faculty Misconduct Policy with the Research Misconduct Policy. The sub-committee has met twice, and will advise the office of research on best practices in aligning these two policies.

Membership:

Purnima Kumar	Faculty Council
Joseph Heremans	Faculty Council
Melissa Bailey	Faculty Council
Andrea Grottoli	Faculty Council
Zhong-Lin Lu	Faculty Council
Sam Stout	Faculty Council
Roland Kawakami	Faculty Council
Abigail Norris Turner	Faculty Council
William Marras	University President

Rebecca Jackson University President

Tania (Tatiana) Oberyshyn University President

Helen Chamberlin University President

Austin Hilvert USG

Amanda Montoya CGS

Kyle Benzle CGS

Jim Cogdell Senate Fiscal Committee Chair

Randy Smith Interim Dean of the Graduate School, non-voting

Randy Moses Interim Senior VP for Research