



University Research Committee

Summary of Activities, 2016-2017 Academic Year

Six 90-minute meetings were held. Professor Caroline Wagner served as Chair, and Professor Bala Balasubramaniam served as Vice Chair. List of members is provided in a table below.

Advising

- Informed the Committee on Academic Affairs about activities of the Research Committee.
- University Centers: Reviewed the applications and commented on two proposals to establish University Centers (Global Water Initiative; Translational Data Analytics Institute).
- Formally advised the Office of Research on three cases of research misconduct.
- Formed a joint committee with the Research Computing Committee and recommended to the Provost the name of a vendor to provide electronic research lab notebooks.
- Considered comments from committee members on research infrastructure; initiated effort to bring together research centers conducting genome sequencing for greater coordination.
- Committee Membership. Provided the Senate Cabinet with a list of candidates to invite to serve on the committee for the next academic year.

Oversight

- Institutional Review Board. Continued to monitor progress on the IRB review process changes and improvements. Recommended issuing a statement to the university research community noting the actions taken, as well as the notable improvement in the process.
- Considered the role of non-tenure track research faculty, focusing on those who conduct campus research; recommended that two non-tenure track research faculty be added to the Committee.
- Agreed to add a post-doctoral student representative to the voting membership of the Committee.
- Submitted suggested revisions to the Senate Rules committee to change the membership of the Research committee.
- Considered and discussed needs on an open data warehouse on campus; gave feedback to the Library.

On May 5, 2017, by unanimous vote, the Committee elected Dr. Purnima Kumar to be the committee Chair for the 2017-18 academic year.

**2016-2017 University Research Committee Roster
Effective September 2015**

Name	College / Department	Affiliation	Term expires
Begun, Audrey	College of Social Work	Faculty Council	2017
Wagner, Caroline (Chair, 16-17)	Glenn College of Public Affairs	Faculty Council	2017
Yilmaz, Alper	College of Engineering	Faculty Council	2017
Kumar, Purnima (Chair, 17-18)	College of Dentistry, Periodontology	Faculty Council	2018
Chamerlin, Helen	Molecular Genetics Administration	Faculty Council	2019
Stout, Samuel	Department of Anthropology	Faculty Council	2019
Norris-Turner, Abigail	Infectious Diseases	Faculty Council	2019
Oberyszyn, Tania	Pathology	Presidential Appointment	2019
Justice, Laura	School of Teaching College of Education & Human Ecology	Presidential Appointment	2017
Balasubramaniam, Bala (Vice Chair, 16-17)	College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences	Presidential Appointment	2017
Narui, Yoshi	Postdoctoral Association	Post-doctoral association representative	
Patterson, Andrea	Undergraduate student representative	UG	
Quadri, Farhan	Undergraduate student representative	UG	
Dietrich, Richard	Political Science	University Senate Fiscal Committee Chair	
Herness, Scott	Office of Academic Affairs	Term: Ex-Officio Member Affiliation: Dean, Graduate School	
Whitacre, Caroline	Office of Research	Term: Ex-Officio Member Affiliation: Vice President for Research	

Anneliese Antonucci was intended to serve as a post-doctoral representative, but illness prevented her from carrying out this duty.