

University Research Council (URC) and related FPP changes

[New] 6.59. UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The University Research Council (URC) shall consist of the following members, serving three-year staggered terms. Each shared governance body will select representation from across campus with substantial experience in the conduct of research. URC members are expected to represent the interests of the university community at large.
1. Eight faculty, selected as follows:
 - a. One faculty member elected from each of the four divisions, from slates prepared by each divisional committee.
 - b. One faculty member appointed from each of the four divisions by the University Committee.
 2. Two academic staff members permanent PIs
 3. One university staff member involved in research
 4. One member of the University Committee (selected annually)
 5. The Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education (ex officio, non-voting), who shall chair.
 6. The Associate Vice Chancellors for Research (ex officio, non-voting)
 7. The Dean of the Graduate School (ex officio, voting).
- B. **FUNCTIONS.**
1. Advises the vice chancellor for research and graduate education (VCRGE) on the overall UW-Madison research enterprise, including, but not limited by enumeration, to:
 - a. Strategic planning to maximize the research productivity of faculty and staff, and to support highly innovative, transformative research.
 - b. Allocation of flexible resources, including resources provided by WARF, such as support of research competitions, matching funds for grants, funding for recruitment and retentions, and honoring research contributions.
 - c. Major campus-wide research programs and issues.
 - d. Compliance processes and committees.
 - e. Approving policies governing five-year reviews for VCRGE centers to ensure that centers remain at the leading edge of new discoveries. Members of the URC will provide advice to the VCRGE regarding the outcome of Center reviews.
 - f. Review and approval of the establishment of new, and closing of existing, VCRGE centers.
 2. Brings to the attention of the VCRGE views and opinions of the faculty and staff. In turn, members are responsible for assisting the Office of the VCRGE in helping to communicate the research resources of the VCRGE office.
 3. Advises and counsels the VCRGE and the chancellor in the formulation of the annual request to the WARF board of trustees. The VCRGE and chancellor shall routinely seek the advice and counsel of the committee regarding the allocation and disposition of WARF funds. Ensures that the disposition of WARF funds by the university is transparent to the WARF board of directors. The committee, or its individual members, shall be available to the WARF board of trustees, upon request, as direct and independent advisors and as such shall share with the trustees their expertise and insight
 4. Creates subcommittees to study specific topics, as needed.

[A version of the following may be required when the Senate passes this, but would not be incorporated into FPP: “The first priority for the URC during the 2016-17 academic year will be to transition the URC from a purely advisory group into the official shared governance group of the OVCRGE. During this process, some of the functions listed may require modification, which should be discussed with the University Committee and will require Senate approval.”]

[Change] 3.05. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

New section A (current A-G become B-H): The Graduate School is a component of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education.

[Change] 3.07. GRADUATE FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section B.2. modified as follows:

The Graduate Faculty Executive Committee selects a subcommittee of five faculty from among its elected members to serve, together with the dean, as the academic planning council of the Graduate School. One of the elected members shall be chosen from each faculty division and the fifth elected member shall be chosen at-large. The dean may invite associate deans or others to attend meetings of the academic planning council as advisors. The academic planning council advises the dean on policy and budgetary planning and presents faculty views and opinions to the dean. It also has the responsibility of assisting the graduate faculty in understanding budget and policy decisions and constraints.

Subjects on which the dean shall share information and consult with the academic planning council include, but are not limited to:

- a. Program review and the future development or contraction of graduate programs.
- b. Allocation of ~~flexible resources to various uses, such as fellowships, support of individual investigators, matching funds for facilities grants, funding for new faculty, and awards.~~
- c. ~~Policies and budget decisions for service facilities operated by the Graduate School.~~
- d. ~~Policies and budget decisions relating to research centers administered by the Graduate School.~~
- e. Appointments of committees of the Graduate School. The council shall report regularly to the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee, and distribute a written report to the graduate faculty at least once each year.

[Delete] 6.55. WARF RESOURCE REQUEST AND ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

[Change] 9.05. ACTION BY PROVOST ON COMPLAINTS

Change section B. as follows: Complaints alleging scholarly misconduct shall be dealt with according to Faculty Document 867a and FPP 9.14. A formal allegation of misconduct in scholarly research will be referred to the chair of the department (or functional equivalent) or to the corresponding academic dean or, in the case of conflict of interest on the part of the chair or academic dean, to the ~~dean of the Graduate School~~ Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education