

## **Proposal to Retire the Research, Safety, and Compliance Oversight Committee and Merge Its Functions into the University Research Council.**

Proposal – Formally retire the Research, Safety, and Compliance Oversight Committee and merge its functions into the University Research Council (URC). As the shared governance body charged with working on the overall research mission of campus, the URC is the appropriate place for these functions. It is understood that the URC may not become directly involved in resolving problems, but rather will serve an oversight function that may include directly intervening, but will more often involve assuring that the proper campus unit is addressing the issue appropriately.

Current charge of Research, Safety, and Compliance Oversight Committee (*Faculty Policies and Procedures* 6.58.):

### **B. FUNCTIONS.**

1. Provide advice and consultation to the Office of Research Policy, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and to the institution's safety and compliance units.
2. Receive and process inquiries and complaints from research investigators, including faculty, staff, employees-in-training and students, regarding institutional processes, policies and procedures that adversely impact the conduct of their research.
3. Ensure effective and rapid resolution of problems involving research, safety and compliance

Mark-up of *FPP* 6.58. merged into *FPP* 6.59. (University Research Council)

### **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.

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4.2- 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.

~~5.3.~~ 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.

~~6.4.~~ Creates subcommittees to study specific topics, as needed.

*No mark-up:*

*Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.59*

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