

## **University Research Council (URC)**

**CLASSIFICATION:** University Council

**REPORTS TO:** Vice President for Research & Sponsored Programs

**CHARGE:** The Council shall foster and stimulate the research mission of the University by studying and recommending policies respecting research; recommending priorities for support of research; recommending faculty research appointments; collecting information on research; and publicizing research efforts of the University.

**COMPOSITION:** This Council shall consist of twelve (12) faculty members, preferably no more than one member from any one department and/or school, representing the various scholarly areas of the University (e.g., physical and natural sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities, arts, and the professional schools); the Associate Dean for Research; and the Vice President for Research & Sponsored Programs.

**QUALIFICATIONS OF FACULTY MEMBERS:** Faculty members appointed to this Council shall be experienced researchers/scholars. Members shall have knowledge of or experience with organized research, funded research, University-government relations, University-business/industry relations, etc.

**TERM:** The term of membership shall be three (3) years, beginning on August 15 of the year of appointment. Four members shall be appointed on a rotating basis each year. No member may be appointed for more than two full terms in succession.

**MEANS OF APPOINTMENT:** Appointments are made by the Vice President for Research & Sponsored Programs from a list of candidates and alternates nominated by the Chair of Faculty Senate based upon recommendations by the Committee on Committees.

**ALTERNATES:** Four faculty alternates shall be appointed each year. An alternate shall be appointed to fill the remainder of the term for a member withdrawing from the Council.

**CALL:** The Council shall convene at the call of the Vice President for Research & Sponsored Programs in September of each academic year.

**CHAIR:** The Chair shall be elected by the Council from its faculty members at the first meeting of the academic year and shall succeed to the Chair the following year. The Chair shall submit annually a written summary report of the Council's work to the Faculty Senate office by September 15. The Chair shall submit a report of research appointments to the Faculty Senate office within two weeks of their determination.