University Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Council

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**Charge to the Council**

The University Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (URSCA) Council promotes research, scholarship and creative activities (RSCA) necessary to the University’s mission to advance and extend knowledge, learning and culture, and recommends policy concerning the University’s RSCA agenda and its relationship to the education of a diverse student body. The Council shall ensure an active faculty role in recommending policies and providing avenues for discussion of issues related to RSCA at the University. The Council shall take an active role in advocating and celebrating excellence in RSCA.

**Committee Membership**

Six faculty representatives selected by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for staggered renewable two-year terms. The Executive Committee is encouraged to achieve representation from a broad range of disciplines on campus and to select at least one faculty representative from among the directors of campus centers and institutes.
Two people, one of whom is a College Dean, selected by the Vice President for Academic Affairs for a renewable one-year term.

The Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs shall serve as an ex-officio member.

The Dean of Graduate Studies shall serve as an ex-officio member.

Council Organization & Procedures

The University Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Council shall issue regular advisory statements and an annual report to the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Academic Senate.

The chair of the University Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Council will be invited to give at least one oral presentation each year to the Academic Senate, a standing committee, or the Senate Executive Committee.

The Council shall hold at least 4 meetings per semester.

Each year the Council shall elect its own chair from among the faculty representatives and send the name of that individual to the Chair of the Academic Senate.

Signed Memo:
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