

Research Advisory Council

Introduction:

The Research Advisory Council (RAC) is a formal standing council of Texas Tech University (TTU), and its principal mission is to provide advice and input to the Vice President for Research (VPR). The purpose of the RAC is to help and assist the VPR and the institution in meeting research, creative activity, and scholarship strategic priorities, particularly as they relate to the Strategic Plan for TTU and the Strategic Plan for Research. The RAC is a representative body with voting members appointed from each college or school and additional members appointed representing libraries and research centers.

Overview:

The RAC is chaired by the Associate Vice President for Research for Faculty Professional Development and operates as a council as per OP 30.04.

The Research Advisory Council is composed of:

1. Associate Deans for Research for all colleges, schools, and libraries
2. The director of a large center or institute representing all centers and institutes
3. The Senior Associate Vice President for Research representing the Office of Research Services
4. A representative of the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President, ex officio
5. The TTUHSC Associate Vice President for Research, ex officio
6. A representative of the Faculty Senate, ex officio
7. Members of the VPR Senior Management Team, ex officio
8. A representative of the Office of Technology Commercialization, ex officio
9. The Dean of the Graduate School, ex officio

While the primary responsibility of the RAC is to use and promote a university-wide view of enhancing research, all RAC members represent their respective constituencies and have a responsibility to take matters developed in the RAC to their constituents as needed and to bring matters from their constituents to the RAC for discussion and deliberation as necessary.

The large center and institute representative serves to inform the center and institute community about important deliberations. This position is a one-year appointment and rotates amongst the large center and institute directors, as defined by the VPR.

The RAC meets once a month and is hosted by the OVPR.

Function:

The RAC serves the following functions, but other matters may come before the Council as deemed necessary by the VPR:

1. General coordination around matters related to research, scholarship and creative activity
2. Specific collaboration on research initiatives within the RAC and with the OVPR Strategic Opportunities for Advancing Research (SOAR) team.
3. Internal limited grant submission selection input
4. Bernie E. Rushing, Jr. Faculty Distinguished Research Award selection input
5. Chancellor's Council Distinguished Research Awards selection input
6. Input and review of policies and procedures related to the research, scholarship and creative activity enterprise
7. Input and review of research administrative functions
8. Advocacy for research matters tied to research administration, faculty professional development, research integrity, responsible conduct of research and communications
9. Discipline-specific ad hoc review committees composed of the research faculty may be utilized in the review of proposals and other documents that come before the RAC.