School of Veterinary Medicine Policy Document 10.61: Research Committee

GOVERNING TTU OP: Not applicable.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) policy document is to define the role and membership of the SVM Research Committee.

DATE OF POLICY: 15DEC2021

REVIEW: The SVM Policy shall be reviewed every third year by the SVM Research Committee. Revisions will be forwarded to the Dean’s Executive Leadership Council for review and disposition.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

BACKGROUND:
The TTU SVM Research Committee has the primary role of implementing the SVM’s commitment to scholarship in aligning with the strategic priorities. The SVM uses Boyer’s model and definition of scholarship when articulating the scholarly contribution of SVM faculty, staff, and students.

ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE: The roles of the TTU SVM Research Committee are to:

1. Review internal research grant applications;
2. Provide input to the Curriculum Committee concerning content for courses that cover veterinary student research;
3. Identify faculty members for the annual Zoetis Research Award; the SVM scholarship award, or other research recognition and awards;
4. Conduct an annual Research Day in conjunction with Phi Zeta to highlight SVM student, graduate student, and faculty research;
5. Organize and implement SVM summer student and in-semester student research opportunities;
6. Facilitate faculty research training and professional development opportunities (such as grant-writing workshops);
7. Recommend future research needs and direction to the Executive Leadership Council;
8. Report research metrics annually to the Data Synthesis and Analysis Committee; and
9. Review, at least annually, reports from the Data Synthesis and Analysis Committee.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE: The Committee will perform its work relative to the objectives of the TTU SVM, and the areas of research emphasis articulated in the SVM Self Study:

- To graduate practice-ready, competent, and confident veterinarians who will serve rural and regional communities across Texas;
- To provide access to affordable, high-quality veterinary medical education for Texans;
- To develop a research-intensive school that enhances and complements the strengths of TTU and the TTUHSC and addresses the needs for research and expertise in veterinary medicine, food- and fiber-animal production, and the health sciences;
- To provide opportunities for graduate education and research and advanced clinical training in internships and residencies;

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1 For example, see: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boyer%27s_model_of_scholarship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boyer%27s_model_of_scholarship)
To support sustainability of livestock industries as they feed growing state, national, and global populations; and
To improve human, animal, and ecosystem health by integrating innovative One Health activities into our education, scholarship, and service activities.

REPORTING: The Research Committee reports to the Dean’s Executive Leadership Council.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS: This committee will be made up of 12-13 members, representing faculty and staff members. Each Committee member will be appointed by the Dean or the Associate Dean of Research:
- Associate Dean for Research – Chair, perpetual
- SVM Safety/Compliance Officer (non-voting)
- SVM School Veterinarian (non-voting)
- 6 SVM faculty members representing various discipline areas, including 1 faculty from Curriculum Committee
- 1 Practice Partner veterinarian
- 1 SVM graduate student association president
- 1 DVM student elected by the DVM student body
- Staff member – minutes (non-voting)

LEADERSHIP AND TERM LENGTHS: Term lengths of initial members will be staggered. Subsequent terms will be three years. Members can be renominated upon completion of their terms. The perpetual Chair of the Research Committee will be the TTU SVM Associate Dean for Research.

QUORUM: A quorum, which will consist of two-thirds of the voting membership of the Committee, will be required for all meetings in which issues are to be brought to a vote.

MEETING FREQUENCY AND AGENDA: The Research Committee will meet every other week with the agenda being provided a minimum of 48 hours in advance to all Committee members.