

Mid-Year Report 2019-2020 by the University Research Committee:

The Research Committee met with new VP for R&I, Mark McLellan and Associate VP Pam Padilla in September 2019, and has now updated its charges to reflect UNT achievement of Research I status. This status has been renewed for a second 5-year period and UNT is higher within its Tier. As a result of last year's efforts, the IRB has new members recommended by the Faculty Research Committee and a new Chair, Gabe Ignatow. The Office of R&I hired, in addition to Associate VP Pam Padilla, two other staff members, one of which specializes in compliance issues. Faculty are reporting faster response time when issues arise for themselves or their graduate students around IRB approval.

The Research Committee recommends that the Provost reach out to the Committee when seeking faculty to serve on mixed admin/faculty committees pertaining to research.

A number of Research Committee terms end in 2021. Some of those are first terms and current members serving in their first 3-year term may wish to serve a second term.

Proposed Changes to Research Committee Charges for Faculty Senate EC

Faculty Co-chairs 2019-2020: Jennifer Lane, Scott Belshaw

Committee Function:

The Faculty Research Committee shall work with the Policy Oversight Committee, the Faculty Senate and the Office of Research and Innovation study policy governing faculty research and make recommendations to these bodies concerning Research issues.

The Faculty Research Committee will meet regularly with representatives from the Office of Research and Innovation to help facilitate communication of research opportunities and support, and will offer assistance to Vice President of Research & Innovation in the organization of events fostering the development of research at UNT.

Charges – February 2020:

- Assess and report biannually (November and May) to the Faculty Senate on UNT's progress toward sustaining and advancing its recently achieved goal of national research university status. (R-1 Status ACHIEVED)
- Advise the Office of Research and VPR on policies and procedures designed to help UNT's research faculty continue to meet annual timeline goals required to sustain and advance national research university status. (DONE)

- Advise and Review on an annual basis the creation and implementation of a Faculty Research Misconduct Policy, working with the Vice President of Research and Innovation, the Policy Oversight Committee, and Faculty Senate. (The lack of a coherent policy is currently a matter of discussion between VPR, Provost and POC)
- Gather faculty feedback regarding research support at all university levels and report action items to the Office of Research and VPR, the Provost, and the Faculty Senate
- Advise the Office of Research and VPR on research priorities and infrastructure investments that might help the university elevate its national research university status.
- Encourage faculty research, scholarship, and creative achievement in every academic unit by advocating for Faculty Senate, university and unit policies that reward excellence in research, scholarship, and creative achievement
- Participate in a self-evaluation process regarding the role and function of the Faculty Research Committee in relation to the Office of Research and VPR, and recommend new charges as the committee deems appropriate.
- Recommend members of the Research Committee to serve as faculty representative on administratively formed committees that include faculty representation**