



Research and Creative Activity Awards Subcommittee Standing Rules

The Research and Creative Activity Awards Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the Faculty Policies Committee. The Subcommittee administers the Research and Creative Activity Award Program, the Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award, and the University Award for Research and Creative Activity.

Charge

- A. Administers the Research and Creative Activity Award Program, the Outstanding Research Achievement Award, and the University Award for Research and Creative Activity;
- B. Supports faculty research, scholarly, and creative activity on campus;
- C. Recommends policies and procedures relating to these awards to the Faculty Policies Committee; and
- D. Prepares and presents an annual report to the Faculty Policies Committee and the Faculty Senate.

Membership

A. Voting Members

Ten faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate:

- 1. Seven faculty members, one from each college (nominations and elections will be college based);
- 2. One faculty member from the University Library;
- 3. One faculty member from the Faculty Policies Committee (FPC); and
- 4. One faculty At-Large representative appointed by the Faculty Senate.

B. Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members

- 1. Associate Vice President of Research Affairs or designee; and*
- 2. The Faculty Senate Chair.

*Administrative positions are appointed by the President or designee.

Additional ex-officio membership may be recommended by the subcommittee, the Faculty Policies Committee, the Executive Committee, or the President or designee

C. Term

- 1. The term of appointment for faculty representatives shall be for three years, with the possibility of reappointment. Appointments will be staggered to ensure that approximately one-third of the faculty members are appointed each year.
- 2. The term of the non-voting / ex-officio members will be one-year.

Officers

A. Chair

1. The Chair shall be elected from and be among the voting members of the Committee.
2. The term of office of the Chair shall be one year. The term shall begin at noon on the last day of the spring semester in which elected and shall end at noon on the last day of the spring semester of the following year.
3. A faculty member may be elected to serve up to three consecutive terms of one year each as the Committee Chair. After an interval of a year following the end of the third consecutive term, the faculty member shall become eligible again for election to the Chair of the Committee.
4. The Chair is responsible for establishing the agenda for each meeting.

B. Vice-Chair

1. At its first meeting of the academic year, the Committee shall elect from its voting members a Vice Chair.
2. The term of office of the Vice Chair shall be one academic year. The term shall begin upon election of the Vice Chair at the first committee meeting of the year and shall end at noon on the last day of the spring semester of the academic year.
3. The Vice Chair shall preside over the routine business of the Committee in the absence of the Committee Chair or should the office of the Committee Chair become vacant, until the election of a new Committee Chair.

Operations

- A. The Committee shall be a subcommittee of, and report to, the Faculty Policies Committee, providing the appointed member from the Faculty Policies Committees or the Faculty Policies Committee Chair with meeting minutes;
- B. Issues addressed by the Committee may be referred to the Faculty Policies Committee and/or the Executive Committee; and
- C. Any of the Standing Policy Committees of the Faculty Senate may refer issues to the Subcommittee either through the Faculty Policies Committee or the Executive Committee.

Committee Meetings

- A. The Committee shall meet monthly or as needed at a designated time and place.
- B. Committee meetings shall be open except for award deliberations, at which time the meetings will be closed.
- C. The meeting agenda shall be distributed and supporting documentation provided to the Committee at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
- D. Committee agendas will be published and made accessible to the campus community at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
- E. To be a constituted committee/subcommittee (able to officially conduct business) the majority (more than 50%) of the seats must be filled (non-vacant).
- F. A quorum for all committees/subcommittees exist only if a majority (more than 50%) of the filled seats of the voting membership are present.

Adoption of Standing Rules

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- FS 19/20-34/EX: Quorum – Senate adoption October 3, 2019
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