

Appendix H: Research Council

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Date of Interview: Not Known

Responses/Discussion of the assessment guide questions:

1. Generally speaking, the Standing Rules are out of date. There are questions regarding the large numbers of proposals reviewed for limited available funds.

Previously, the group had difficulty filling all the council spots, though all 15 seats are filled at this time. Occasionally, meeting attendance has been an issue.

The group has planned a retreat for May 20 in which to review the identity and mission of the Research Council in a way that might position them to better assist the research enterprise at OSU. Planned retreat topics include (1) Research Council Identity; and (2) Problem identification and problem solving to assist the overall research enterprise at OSU.

2. The group has upheld and acted within the Standing Rules, but feels that they have more to contribute.
3. The group feels that there has been consistent and comprehensive reporting.
4. There are currently no students that participate, and student participation is not listed in documents as a requirement or a goal.
5. The group feels that their goal is strongly linked to the OSU strategic plan because of the focus on research. However, the group states again that their charge is not entirely clear. There is definitely an opportunity and eagerness to address this.
6. The Research Council has a good working relationship with the Research Office and can serve as a liaison between faculty and the administration with regard to enhancing the research enterprise. They have been successful in involving external partners such as adding OSU-Cascades and Extension participation, which has been very successful in diversifying representation and participation.
7. There is good work that can be done here that would greatly benefit the research effort at OSU. With the retreat and reworking of the Standing Rules, the group feels that they can adjust the workload on committee members to be more realistic and better align with the actions needed to be of most benefit.
8. Yes, the committee has worked to have diverse representation on the committee and, therefore, spreading the word of the opportunity that they provide. While a majority of the submissions that they review come from specific colleges, they would like to revise the guidelines for proposals to make them more accessible to new proposers.