

## **Five-Year Annual Review Research Council**

Faculty Senate Committee on Committees  
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This review of the OSU Research Council is submitted in accordance with the duties of the OSU Faculty Senate Committee on Committees to review each Faculty Senate committee at five-year intervals, using the following five criteria established by the Faculty Senate:

1. Do the Standing Rules clearly reflect the function and composition of this council?
2. Have the Committee's actions/functions, as reported in the annual reports and by consulting with the current Chair and Committee, been consistent with their Standing Rules?
3. Do the annual reports provide a memory of the issues this Committee addressed, their activities, and any outcomes?
4. What has been the role/benefit of student members?
5. What connection is there to the University's strategic goals?

The Committee on Committees reports that:

1. The Standing Rules for the Research Council, last updated April 2001, clearly reflect the function of the committee. The composition of the committee is also in accordance with the standing rules.
2. The Research Council actions, as reported in the available annual reports from 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2002-2003, are consistent with the Standing Rules. When I contacted the Research Council chair, Professor Machteld Mok, she also reported that the council has discussed with the Research Office general topics related to research at OSU, and has also recently discussed proposal submission and review criteria.
3. The annual reports of the Research Council are detailed and helpful, providing a useful history of the committee's actions.
4. With respect to student participation, it should be noted that the Research Council is involved in the evaluation of research proposals, a task for which students would not have requisite expertise.
5. The Research Council, through its support of research, is obviously central to the university's pursuit of its goal, "to be recognized as a top-tier university on all scales of measurement."

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