
THE RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

I. CHARGE:

The Research Advisory Council is formed as an ad hoc group under the auspices of the Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support for the overarching purpose of steering the development of initiatives, policies, and procedures that support the research, scholarly, creative, and grant writing endeavors of both faculty and students at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

II. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Guide the development of new internal funding support programs that support faculty and/or students in research, scholarly, creative, and grant writing projects.
2. Provide feedback and advice on refining the policies and procedures of existing internal funding programs.
3. Review applications for the primary internal support programs and decide which applicants should be funded.
4. Guide the development and refinement of grant writing policies and procedures.
5. Provide feedback and advice on other research, scholarly, creative, and grant writing initiatives.

III. MEETINGS:

1. The Research Advisory Council will meet at least three times per academic year:
 - i. Early in the fall semester to discuss issues related to the planning, policies, and procedures of new and existing initiatives.
 - ii. Late in the fall semester to review internal support programs.
 - iii. Late in the spring semester to review internal support programs.
2. On rare occasions, special meetings of the Research Advisory Council may be called in order to resolve an issue that needs immediate attention.
3. Meetings are called and scheduled by the Chair of the Research Advisory Council.

IV. MEMBERSHIP:

1. The Research Advisory Council consists of the following members:
 - i. One faculty member from the School of Business and Economics
 - ii. One faculty member from the School of Nursing
 - iii. One faculty member from the School of Education
 - iv. Three faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences
 - v. The Director of Research (ex-officio, however, will be able to vote in tie-breaking situations)
 - vi. The Director of Sponsored Awards (ex-officio, non-voting member)
 - vii. The Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs (ex-officio, non-voting member)
 2. Each voting member will be appointed to Research Advisory Council by the Dean of their College or School and will serve a three year term.
 3. The Director of the Research will Chair the Research Advisory Council.
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