

Charges to the Research Policies Council

Each of the Faculty Senate's councils has a number of ongoing charges. Those charges should be considered as renewed. In addition, the Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the Research Policies Council to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate sub-committee or task force, the following items:

1. The council should work with the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board to establish policy and procedures to make an HSIRB workshop mandatory for all faculty and students engaged in or directing human subject research. It should be done on an ASAP basis to produce a workshop in fall if possible or no later than spring term 2005. This is a joint charge with the Graduate Studies Council, and it may involve Undergraduate Studies Council. The final product should be institutionalized throughout the University. This charge should be considered as separate from the Research Ethics Training charge below.;
2. The council should develop a report on WMU's Research strategies and initiatives to answer the questions: What are our current strategic research initiatives? How are our research initiatives assessed? And What is the planning, consultation and communication process behind such initiatives? This report is for presentation to the Senate and the academic community on 10 March 2005;
3. The council is to consider with the HSIRB whether or not HSIRB should also monitor any human subject research done by WMU faculty off campus, and any human subject research done by non-members of our academic community on WMU facilities.
4. The council is to work on the creation of a Research Ethics Training workshop with appropriate policy and procedure documents. This charge may also involve GSC and USC; and
5. The council should investigate the possibilities of policies and procedures concerning safety training for researchers for equipment and things like blood-borne pathogens.

Where appropriate, the work and deliberations of the council should result in policy or policies to be submitted for the consideration of the executive board and the Senate.

We further charge the council to work with the executive board through its council liaison to communicate questions or problems with the charges and their formulation to ensure that the business of the Faculty Senate is conducted in an appropriate and timely manner.