

Charges for the Research Policies Council (RPC) 2005-06
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In addition to standing charges and issues related to the mission of the council, the Executive Board charges the Research Policies Council with the following:

- 1. Human Resources supporting research at WMU**
Investigate the current use of staff positions in the “Q” category, faculty appointments funded by grants/contracts, and so-called “research faculty” to determine their relationships to the research enterprise. Identify any problems and recommend changes or new policies where appropriate. The council will, of course, have to be sensitive to bargainable issues (terms and conditions of faculty employment) which are or should be dealt with in the AAUP Agreement.
- 2. Strategies for increasing the amount of funding available for research**
Continue to explore and evaluate strategies for increasing the amount of research performed at WMU, consistent with the stated mission and goals of the University. This could include an assessment of the new policy for distributing Facilities & Administrative (F&A) funds, as well as focusing on selected items from earlier RPC reports such as “Research Obstacles.”
- 3. Review the structure and functioning of the RPC as part of the periodic Senate review mandated by our constitution. In this connection, the RPC will work with a committee being chaired by Mary Lagerwey.**

It is understood that the RPC will continue to work closely with the vice president for research, and with the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board on issues old and new. The council is free to determine the specifics of how to address these charges, and how it assigns priority among these and other tasks it wishes to engage in through the course of the year. We ask the RPC to keep the Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any memorandum of action (MOA) which may develop, and to give ample notice of intent to bring action or reports to the full Faculty Senate.