

RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL
SENATE CHARGES FOR 2007 – 2008

In addition to the work specified in the RPC's Council Role Statement and the work of the RPC's Standing Committees, 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 issues:

1. Evaluate strategies implemented in 2006-07 to expand research productivity (e.g., research development awards). Develop RPC goals based on this evaluation.
2. Collaborate with the WMU Pandemic Flu Committee to assess and make recommendations regarding handling research in the event that a flue pandemic threatens the WMU Community.
3. Work with Graduate Student Advisory Committee (GSAC) to sponsor a Research Day in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and the Graduate College. Also consider collaborative involvement of the Graduate Studies Council and Lee Honors College.
4. Work with the OVPR to reexamine and recommend policies related to the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Support Fund (FRACASF). This may include examining the intent and funding levels of FRACASF, as well as specific policies regarding travel funds for faculty, including intent, level of support, and flexibility. The recommendations will be presented in the form of a MOA.
5. Develop export control policy as a MOA.

NOTE: It is understood the Research Policies Council will continue to work closely with the vice president for research and with the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (HSIRB) on issues. The RPC is free to determine the specifics of how to address these charges and other tasks it wishes to engage in during 2007 - 2008. The RPC is requested to keep the Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any memorandum of action (MOA) which it may develop, and to give ample notice of intent to bring action or reports to the full Faculty Senate. Also, at the end of 2007-08, the RPC is asked to provide the Executive Board with a summary of its progress on the above charges to and suggest charges for the following year.