

**Research Policies Council
Charges for 2008-2009**

In addition to the specific responsibilities specified in the Research Policies Council's role statement and the work of the RPC's standing committees, the Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the RPC to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate sub-committee or task force, the following issues:

1. Review the RPC role statement and evaluate the processes used to support and enhance creative activities and scholarship. Based upon this evaluation develop goals and policies for enhancing faculty and student activities in scholarship, creative activities and research.
2. Assess the implementation of the new Support for Faculty Scholars Award (SFSA) funding program using the criteria established in 2007-08 academic year. Develop criteria further based upon this assessment.
3. Evaluate both the guidelines and review process for Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA.) Develop revised guidelines/review process for FRACAA based upon this evaluation if merited.
4. Complete work on export control policy. Develop a memorandum of action (MOA) as a result.
5. Collaborate with the Graduate Studies Council and International Education Council to explore the possibility of extending tuition remission at the resident level to all extramurally grant-funded graduate assistants at doctoral and masters levels. Seek input from Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and any other administrative office related to budgetary implications and feasibility. Develop an MOA, if possible, or at least a report of obstacles and suggestions for future development.
6. Address any continuing or outstanding issues or initiatives as deemed necessary by the council. To the extent possible conclude any outstanding initiative by producing an MOA, report or resolution.

NOTE: It is understood that the RPC will seek information from OVPR and maintain communications with that office as well as the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (HSIRB) on issues directly related to them. The RPC is expected to keep the Senate Executive Board apprised of progress, especially in connection with any MOA it may develop and to give advance notice of any action the RPC seeks to place on the Senate agenda, including the final text of any proposed MOA, report or resolution. The Executive Board should also be notified of substantive procedural issues addressed by the RPC. The RPC shall provide a written summary of its progress on the above charges and any other activities undertaken no later than June 30, 2009.