

**WMU Faculty Senate
Research Policies Council (RPC)
Charges for 2015-2016**

Osama Abudayyeh will serve as the Faculty Senate Executive Board representative on RPC

In addition to its specific responsibilities listed in the Research Policies Council's role statement and the work of subcommittees if such exist, the Faculty Senate Executive Board charges the RPC to consider, as a committee of the whole or through the appropriate subcommittee or task force, the following issues:

1. Address any continuing or outstanding issues or initiatives as deemed necessary by the council. To the extent possible conclude any outstanding initiative by producing a memorandum of action, report or resolution.
2. Monitor the implementation of the University Policy on Data Collection through Surveys.
3. Conduct yearly review of the state of the research ethics policies and procedures in collaboration with the Vice President for Research. Initiate changes or additions where appropriate. (Taken from WMU Self-Study Report.)
4. Conduct a review of the FRACAA program with the goal of increasing its utilization by faculty, including investigating strategies to increase the number of quality proposals submitted across all disciplines.
5. Develop consistent external submission language related to FRACAA awards and recommend changes as deemed necessary to ensure the FRACAA funding program is consistent with the purpose of the program and is available to faculty from all disciplines.
6. Continue review of Support for Faculty Scholar Award proposals and revise the guidelines and review process to encourage faculty from all disciplines to submit quality proposals.
7. Develop a policy for providing official formal credit to those with dual appointments or who serve as co-PIs on externally funded research project whose PIs are housed in other university units.
8. Develop a procedure for the regular review of university policies related to research by the RPC and a schedule for conducting these regular reviews on a five-year rotating basis.
9. Investigate the obstacles to research and creative activities from the perspective of the faculty and consider diversity and inclusion issues as they relate to the role of RPC.

NOTE: The RPC will seek information from the office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (HSIRB) to maintain communications with those offices 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 chairperson shall provide a written summary of the council's progress for the year; list the above charges noting each item's progress and current status; any other activities undertaken; and draft charges for the 2016-17 academic year, no later than June 30, 2016.