

**WMU Faculty Senate  
Research Policies Council (RPC)  
Charges for 2019-20**

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. Review the scope and description of the council's role and assess the effectiveness of the council's practices. Address any continuing or outstanding issues or initiatives as directed by the Faculty Senate Executive Board.
2. Continue the review and promotion of the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (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.
3. Review Support for Faculty Scholar Award (SFSA) proposals and promote the program to encourage faculty from all disciplines to submit quality proposals.
4. Research and recommend a mechanism to advance interdisciplinary/collaborative research and creative activities partnerships between faculty at WMU and evaluate obstacles that might respond to mitigation. Some suggested examples of areas of interest related to interdisciplinary partnerships and collaboration are below.
  - Continue to collaborate with the Office of the Vice President for Research in the inventory of major research and creative activities. Assist in collectively understanding the utility of research inventory and the expectations from its completion.
  - Develop strategies to support faculty to advance research and creative scholarship, including addressing diversity and inclusion as they relate to the role of RPC. Provide recommendations to strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration to build compelling research proposals.
5. Recommend best practices to communicate research and creative activities and highlighting the accomplishments in research and creative activity by faculty and share them with the office of Marketing and Strategic Communications.
6. Conduct annual review of the state of the research ethics policies and procedures in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Research. Initiate changes or additions where appropriate.
7. Develop a procedure for the regular review of University policies related to research and creative activities by the 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. Council recommendations are to be submitted to the Executive Board in the form of a memorandum of action (MOA) on which the recommendation(s) is/are stated. Any draft MOAs requested by the Executive Board should be submitted using the MOA template.

***The RPC chairperson shall provide a written report of the council's accomplishments and 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 2020-21 academic year, no later than June 30, 2020.***