

**WMU Faculty Senate
Research Policies Council
Charges for 2010-2011**

Osama Abudayyeh will serve as the Senate Executive Board representative on RPC this year.

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. 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.
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. Continue to work with the Office of the Vice President for Research on issues related to the Conflict of Interest Policy.
5. Continue discussion of the role of the chair of the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award and the possibility of adding this person as an ex officio member of the RPC.
6. Continue with the celebration of Research and Creative Activities Day.
7. Continue review of Support for Faculty Scholar Award proposals.

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, 2011.