



September 16, 2018

Charles Frevert, Chair  
Faculty Council on Research

Dear Professor Frevert:

The Faculty Council on Research is charged with responsibility “for all matters of policy relating to research” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-37). Activities historically performed include reviewing any requests for approval submitted by a principle investigator (PI) who is entering into a contract which creates restrictions to the university’s research and academic mission - reporting council vote results to Faculty Senate leadership; addressing research-related issues, inquiries, and interests on behalf of UW faculty, especially by way of inviting key administrators for providing supplementary information and for receiving council feedback and guidance on topics at-hand.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2018-19 academic year.

The Senate office did a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Discover which types of research restrictions are still subject to FCR review, in consultation with the Office of Sponsored Programs, given recent revisions to Executive Order No. 8. Review and approve the list of common restrictions placed on contracts submitted to the Office of Sponsored Programs that they can approve without the need to submit to FCR for review and approval.
- Develop protocols with the Office of Sponsored Programs for review and approval of Clinical Research funded by industry.
- In conjunction with the Office of Sponsored Programs, develop a task force to make recommendation on University of Washington Shared Research Resources.

After your first council meeting, we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council’s goals on the Faculty Senate website to communicate the important work you are doing on their behalf.

Sincerely,

George Sandison  
Chair, Faculty Senate

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