

Current Issues

Possible Items of Consideration for this Committee

The committee will determine its own agenda, but the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has identified some issues that it may wish to consider.

- Within the new committee structure, develop clear and transparent processes for research and creative activities
- Explore means to enhance opportunities in interdisciplinary work across departments/colleges. Explore how to better promote URI's value of research, scholarly, artistic and extramural engagement to the economic, environmental and social well-being of the state. Investigate means to maintain scholarly productivity in the face of increasingly unpredictable federal funding prospects.

Senate Committees

Each committee has:

- 6 faculty senators, one of whom shall serve as chairperson. All serve for their three years on the Senate. Chairs serve for two years.
- 2 students, one undergraduate and one graduate student. Students serve for one year and may be appointed to a second term.
- Committee chairs may ask the administration to make available administrators or staff whose expertise is aligned with the work of the committees to act as liaisons as needed. Liaisons are not committee members.
- Committee chairs may also ask faculty not in the Senate to serve as non-voting advisors as needed.

-See By-Laws: 4.13 – 4.17

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Research and Creative Activities Committee

Reference brochure



Calendar

By-Laws Expectations

It is expected that this committee will meet at least once a month and that it will report to the Faculty Senate in any month this committee has recommendations for changes to the Curriculum.

The Committee shall provide a brief informational report at the October meeting of the Faculty Senate outlining its goal(s) for the coming year.

The committee's load is heavier in the spring semester, when the competitive grant process is underway.

Due to the nature of the duties of this committee, it is expected that there will be at least two reports to the Faculty Senate each year: one in December and one in April.

Duties of the Committee

The duties for this committee are laid out in the By-Laws, section 4.40 – 4.46.

- Identify all challenges which hinder research, creative and scholarly efforts and provide recommendations to correct them
- Review and recommend policies for the management of research affairs, and serve as the advisory committee for the Vice President for Research and Economic Development
- Advise any campus group or office on matters relating to research, creative and scholarly work (as requested)
- Act as liaison between the University Library and the faculty as a whole, advising the Library on matters of faculty concern

- Resolve disputes concerning the interpretation and application of the University of Rhode Island Open-Access policy, recommending changes of policy to the Senate as needed

- Serve on the Committee for Review of the Distribution of Facilities and Administrative (Overhead) Funds (see University Manual Sections 10.72.10 – 10.72.14)

Additional duties of Chair:

(per University Manual 5.30.10 – 5.30.11)

- The RCA chair shall be an *ex officio* voting member of the Intellectual Property Committee; meets every 3rd Thursday of the month (12 months) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.