



Charter

- The Council as a whole shall **regularly review research activities and the allocation of research funds** within the University. It shall consider the relationship between teaching and research. The Council shall oversee policy on University research, including that described in the University policy on Organized Research Units. It shall make policy recommendations to the Senate.
- The Council as a whole shall be informed on and given opportunity to discuss, at the earliest possible stages in their formulation, **proposals for new research initiatives or actions affecting the continuance of existing programs**. This would include, but not be limited to, Council responsibilities related to establishment and continuance of Centers, Institutes or Laboratories as guided by the University Policy on Organized Research Units. The Council shall advise the Vice President for Research on such matters and shall make recommendations to the University Planning and Policy Council and the Senate when it determines that major new research initiatives and commitments may significantly affect University organization and resource allocation.
- The Council shall be responsible for all policies that guide research procedures being conducted by University members with regard to **the well being of animal and human subjects, safety standards, and compliance** with other regulatory standards. The Council shall regularly confer with the University institutional review boards in these matters, and shall review their operation and policy implementation.
- The Council shall conduct or participate in the **review of applications to internal campus research support mechanisms**. It may do so by the creation of ad hoc committees that include expertise from faculty who are not members of the Council.
- The Council shall conduct or participate in the processes by which campus or SUNY **excellence in research award nominations** are made. It shall determine the appropriate review process for each award category and may create ad hoc and expert review committees that include faculty who are not members of the Council.



2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP

James Castracane, Chair

Ex Officio: Interim Vice President for Research: **James Dias**

Staff to the Council: **Janice Bogan**
Office of the VP for Research

TEACHING FACULTY: 6-12_≥4S

H	1) Araia, Berhane (2012)	Africana Studies
	2) Brainard, Robert (2012)	CNSE
S H	3) Castracane, James (2012)	CNSE
H	4) Cunningham, Richard P. (2011)	Biology, CFG
H	5) Davison, Kirsten (2012)	School of Public Health
H	6) Goodwin, Daniel (2012)	Art
S	7) Keyser, Daniel (2012)	Atmospheric & Envir. Science
S H	8) Lankford, Hamilton (2011)	Ed Admin/Policy, SOE
H	9) Lasda-Bergman, Elaine (2011)	University Libraries
H	10) Lewis, David (2012)	Geography & Planning
S H	11) Morse, Dale (2011)	School of Public Health
S H	12) Nakamura, Robert (2011)	Political Science

PROFESSIONAL FACULTY: 1-2

S H	1) Gaffney, Elizabeth (2011)	CAS
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GRADUATE STUDENTS: Oleksandr Kazakov, Michael Amrozowicz

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT: 1

P/T and EMERITI FACULTY OR SUPPORT STAFF: 0-2



**Benevolent Awards Review
Association Research
Grant for Graduate Students)**

Review applications/proposals and make recommendations for **(Benevolent Association Research funding to the Vice President for Research via COR.**

The committee may also review program guidelines and procedures and submit recommended changes to the Chair of Council on Research

**Conference/Journal Support
Awards Review**

Review applications/proposals and make recommendations for funding to the Vice President for Research via COR.

The committee may also review program guidelines and procedures and submit recommended changes to the Chair of the Council on Research

FRAP – A Award Review

Review applications/proposals and make recommendations for funding to the Vice President for Research via COR.

The committee may also review program guidelines and procedures and submit recommended changes to the Chair of the Council on Research



Committee on Centers, Institutes and Specialized Research Laboratories

Responsible for guiding the Council on Research's actions as charged by the University Policy on Organized Research Units.

In coordination with the University's assessment/evaluation initiatives, the committee will recommend improvements to the current procedures for evaluating organized research units.

Excellence in Research Review

Review nomination packets and make recommendations to the Vice President for Research for the University's Excellence in Research Award. Also, review nominations and make recommendations to the Vice President for Research for the SUNY Research Awards and Chancellor's Awards

Conflict of Interest Committee

Review financial disclosure statements for the potential of conflict of interest. When a conflict of interest as defined by the Conflict of Interest policy is deemed to exist, the committee shall recommend to the Vice President for Research that an appropriate course of action be taken to manage, reduce, or eliminate such conflict.



Researchers Liaison Committee

Consider improvements to the campus procedures related to grants management.

Provide recommendations to the Vice President for Research, via COR, on methods to improve investigators' capacity to efficiently apply for external funding and manage grants received

Research Compliance Policy

Oversee the development and implementation of policies regarding the well being of human subjects, handling of non-compliance issues, and compliance with other regulatory standards.



The Council continued to be instrumental in reviewing and recommending proposals for seed funding for faculty research projects. In addition, two new institutes were approved. Discussions centered around the Council's involvement in the transition of Rockefeller Institute in Government to the University at Albany. Dr. Tom Gais, Interim Director presented an overview of the institute to help members better understand the Institute and its mission and to determine what assistance Council could provide to facilitate the transition.

Other 2009-10 highlights included:

Approval of Institutes

The ***Institute for RNA Science and Technology*** was approved for permanent institute status, April 7, 2010.

The ***Institute for Financial Market Regulation*** was approved for permanent institute status, May 3, 2010.

FRAP Policy Change – University Libraries

Council on Research voted to include the University Libraries faculty in the FRAP B calculation for allocations. As a result of this vote, libraries faculty are eligible to receive FRAP B awards, October 21, 2009.

New Staff

Antigone McKenna, DMV, was introduced as the new Director of the University's Laboratory Animal Care Facilities, March 3, 2010



Subcommittee Highlights

Benevolent Association Graduate Research Award,

Sixteen (16) applicants out of 34 were awarded a total of \$7,473.

Faculty Research Award Program - Category A (FRAP-A), chaired by Kirsten Davison

15 applicants out of 30 were awarded a total of \$119,987

Conference/Journal Support Award, chaired by Lance Bosart

Three (3) applicants out of 6 were awarded a total of \$5,500 in Conference/Journal Support. There was one applicant for the Journal Support Award who was denied.

The subcommittee also recommended a change to the guidelines regarding conference locations to read:

Conferences eligible for COR support must be held at UAlbany and/or in the immediate Capital District in order to maximize the visibility of the University to national and international conference participants and to allow as many UAlbany students to attend the conference as possible. Council voted to change the wording

Excellence in Research, chaired by Dale Morse 4 out of 14 faculty nominees were recommended for the Excellence in Research award. The committee was also charged with reviewing and perhaps revising the University's Excellence in Research guidelines to align more with the SUNY Chancellor's Award.

Centers/Institutes/Specialized Labs, chaired by Mengbing Huang

The subcommittee was instrumental in reviewing the proposals for and recommending permanent institute status for the *Institute for RNA Science and Technology (IRNAST)* and the *Institute for Financial Market Regulation.*

FRAP – Category B - 21 applicants out of 31 were recommended by the Deans for Faculty Research Award Program – Category B totaling \$70,892