

UW REGULATION 6-703

Establishment of University Standing Advisory Committees

1. PURPOSE.

This regulation shall establish standing advisory committees with specific duties and composition as specified in the following sections for each individual committee.

2. RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

a. Rationale. Active participation in research by members of the University faculty, staff, and student body helps to fulfill several of the essential elements of the University's mission: 1) to advance the general knowledge of mankind; 2) to stimulate the creativity of the University's faculty, staff, and student body; 3) to enhance the University's learning environment; and 4) to improve the national and international stature of the institution. Research efforts at the University will benefit greatly from guidance that is compatible with the educational elements of the University's mission. Simultaneously, in order to sustain growth and development for all members of the University community, research efforts must encourage the other elements of the University mission.

b. Functions. The committee shall work to strengthen the University by coordinating the general research effort and shall work to elevate the research standing of the University, nationally and internationally. In order to be effectively knowledgeable about the various aspects of research at the University, the committee shall maintain an awareness of the aims and objectives of the Office of Research and Economic Development. The committee shall provide continuing evaluation of the process of administrative review of proposals for grants and contracts and shall act to provide suggestions for the most efficient means of completing this process. The committee shall act as the liaison between the faculty and the University administration on matters pertaining to research. The committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Faculty Senate and to the University administration, specifically to the Faculty Development Committee and the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, respectively, on matters pertaining to research. "Research" shall be construed to include all of the various forms which are taken by research in the various departments and units of the University. "Matters pertaining to research" shall be construed to include the following topics, but is not limited to these topics: research proposals, research grants and contracts, patents, copyrights, conflicts of interest which involve research, and awards for research excellence. The committee shall review such proposals as may be directed to their attention by the Vice President for Research and Economic Development, including, but not limited to, all proposals which are submitted for the Faculty Grant-in-Aid program and the Challenge Grant program. It shall make recommendations to the Vice President for Research and Economic Development with regard to the distribution of funds which are allocated for these programs. The committee shall review such nominations for awards as may be directed to their attention by the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

c. Powers. The committee's dual responsibility is to the faculty and to the administration. It shall act in an advisory capacity: a) to the President of the University; b) to the Vice President for Research and Economic Development; c) to the Faculty Senate; and d) to other appropriate officials and bodies.

d. Composition. The committee shall consist of 11 voting members. Each of the seven colleges (two from Arts and Sciences), the Libraries, the American Heritage Center (Archivists), and the Outreach School will be given the opportunity to be represented. If representation from any of these groups cannot be found, then the Committee on Committees is directed to appoint members in as representational fashion as possible. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Research and Economic Development shall be *ex officio* members. Faculty members shall be appointed by the Committee on Committees and shall serve three-year staggered terms. The chair of the Research Advisory Committee shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the Faculty Development Committee of the Faculty Senate.

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