

To: University Faculty Council
From: David Daleke and Jan Froehlich (on behalf of the UFC Agenda Committee)
Date: October 14, 2003
Subject: Proposal to Establish a UFC Research Affairs Committee and Amendment of Bylaw 8

Due to the changing environment in which university research is conducted, there is a need to establish a University Faculty Council committee whose charge will include working with the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Office of Federal Relations to advise the UFC on matters affecting university research, and, where appropriate, develop university-wide policies and procedures that aim to improve the research environment at Indiana University.

In 2002, the University Faculty Council abolished the University Research Policy Committee (URPC), a committee that was created in 1996 (Circulars [U4-97](#) and [U10-97](#)) to advise the UFC and the Vice President for Research on issues related to research, including intellectual property and technology transfers, among others. Members of the URPC were appointed jointly by the UFC Agenda Committee and the Vice President for Research (Circular U4-2003, <http://www.indiana.edu/~ufc/docs/AY03/circulars/U4-2003.htm>). At the time of the dissolution of the URPC, the UFC Agenda Committee proposed that the UFC establish a new standing committee, called the UFC Research Affairs Committee (UFC-RAC).

The intention of the current proposal is to establish the UFC-RAC with a structure and function that is similar to other existing UFC Standing Committees. The charge of the UFC-RAC will be to disseminate information about research policies and practices throughout the IU system and to formulate and recommend University-wide policy changes to the University Faculty Council as necessary.

The UFC-RAC will communicate with the IUPUI, IUB and regional campuses' Research Affairs Committees and with the office of the Vice President for Research. Members of the UFC-RAC may serve as liaisons to relevant faculty committees on all campuses. The UFC-RAC will be co-chaired by the chairs of the IUPUI and IUB Research Affairs Committees and membership will consist of at least one representative from each of the IU campuses, nominated by an appropriate faculty body on those campuses. Additional members may be appointed, consistent with UFC practice for other standing committees. Some of the specific issues this committee will address may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Review and revise, when necessary, university policy related to research practice;
- Facilitate interaction between faculty and the office of Research and Sponsored Programs;
- Facilitate relationships between faculty and the Advanced Research Technology Institute (ARTI);
- Coordinate University-wide plans for strengthening the research infrastructure;
- Advise the Vice President for Research on research matters;
- Advise the University Faculty Council (UFC) on research matters;
- Recommend the adoption or amendment of policies when necessary, and provide advice concerning other research-related matters,
as requested by the UFC or the Vice President of Research.

Therefore,

Resolved: that

(i) Section 8(Ai) of the Bylaws be modified to include “Research Affairs Committee: Development of University policy and practice related to research; address issues affecting support for research activities.”

and

Resolved: that

(ii) all reference to the former URPC be removed from university policies and replaced, where appropriate, with references to the UFC-RAC.

Approved by the University Faculty Council: October 14, 2003