Faculty Senate Charge to Research Council, 2002-2003

The Research Council shall engage the Administration including but not limited to the President, the Vice President for Research and Information Technology, the Associate Vice-President for Research, and the Provost regarding all aspects of the University's research mission, including but not limited to:

1. Assistance in the creation and processes of the UT Research Foundation, as requested by the Vice President for Research and Information Technology and the Associate Vice-President for Research
2. Review of the University’s Conflict of Interest policy and comparison with AUP guideline documents
3. Recommendations for uniform procedures governing establishment, funding, review, and abolition of multidisciplinary centers, and revision of the University’s Centers Evaluation document.
4. Recommendations based upon the results of the audit of the Office of Research
5. Allocation of facilities and administrative receipts, startup funds for new faculty, faculty accounts, and incentives to work with centers
6. Leave time accumulations and charges to contracts and grants; contract and grant management, and IRIS
7. Public exposure of research and outreach, and benchmarks and measurement of University progress
8. Research space allocation and utilization policies and procedures
9. Overview of IRB/Human Subjects, Federal requirements, and compliance at UT

The Research Council shall, in addition, explore the possibility of collaboration with comparable bodies at Memphis and Tullahoma.

The Research Council shall, further, remain engaged in:

1. The functioning of the faculty workstation refresh program
2. Analyses and recommendations for information technology policies and plans that affect the University’s research environment
3. Its historically close collaboration and supportive activities with the Office of Research.

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