

Research Advisory Committee

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Research Advisory Committee (RAC) is an ad-hoc subcommittee of UW Tacoma Faculty Assembly. Its main responsibility is to ensure faculty have a direct role in shared governance related to issues pertaining to research and scholarship.

Function

Specifically, RAC will:

- Advocate for the integral role of research and scholarship in UW Tacoma's identity
- Assist university leadership, especially Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, in developing and updating research policies
- Provide feedback to university leadership on research support infrastructure.
- Facilitate conversations that help to articulate UW Tacoma's mission for research and scholarship
- Facilitate the application and review process of UW Tacoma's Distinguished Research Award
- Submit an annual report to the chair of Faculty Assembly, prepare reports on research related issues requested by the Faculty Assembly Executive Council (EC) and answer questions at EC on the state of research and scholarship at UW Tacoma
- Review and provide feedback on the Office of Research's annual budget including making recommendations if there are gaps.
- Work with research supporting units on campus.

Membership

RAC will have five members among full-time UW Tacoma faculty appointed by Executive Council. Associate Vice Chancellor for Research will be an ex-officio member of the committee. The term of service is two years. In the inaugural year of this committee, two of five members will be appointed by Executive Council for one year. After the five-person committee is formed, the committee members will elect the chair of this committee.

Appointment

The Faculty Assembly Executive Council (EC) will prepare criteria to be used to appoint members of RAC. The EC will work to ensure that RAC membership will reflect the diversity with regard type of research and scholarship done at the campus.

In Spring Quarter, Faculty Assembly will announce an open call for nomination and self-nomination. Interested faculty members will submit their CV in the nomination process. Five faculty members will be appointed by the Executive Council based on the rubric voted and approved by the EC.

Meetings

RAC will meet at least twice every quarter during the regular academic year. Meeting agendas and minutes will be published on the Faculty Assembly webpage.