

Faculty Senate Standing Committee Annual Report (2014-2015)

Standing Committee:	Research & Scholarship	Prepared By:	Sarah Stitzlein	Date: May 5, 2015
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Committee Charge:	The Research and Scholarship Committee shall consider all aspects of research and recommend policies, processes, or procedures designed to enhance the role of research and scholarship in the university. The committee shall make recommendations concerning the development and implementation of problems designed to support and reward research and scholarly activity. In addition, the committee shall examine, review, and make recommendations about proposals initiated by the administration and other parties.
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Committee Membership (Faculty Names, College, Term Years):	
<u>2014-2016:</u>	
Kevin Li (Pharm)	
Lilit Yeghiazarian (CEAS)	
Gail Pyne-Geithman (CoM)	
<u>2013-2015:</u>	
Arlene Johnson (Libraries)	
Rachel Frankel (UCBA)	
Daria Narmoneva (CEAS)	

Meeting Dates during 2014-2015:	September 18, 2014 October 30, 2014 November 20, 2014 December 18, 2014 January 22, 2015 February 19, 2015 March 26, 2015 April 16, 2015
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Committee Activities and Key Actions during 2014-2015:	
<p>We took on two key issues during the 2014-2015 academic year.</p> <p>First, as a result of the Senate Bootcamp, the requests of Senate Chairwoman Tracy Herrmann, and the institutional focus of Provost Beverly Davenport, we chose to explore issues of cross-disciplinarity at UC. We sought to identify the current state of cross-disciplinary research, to uncover roadblocks, and to envision pathways for achieving it in more thorough and robust ways. Either the committee chairwoman or the entire committee met with several key stakeholders, including Drs. Bill Ball and Philip Taylor. We also collected feedback on these issues at the fall All-University Faculty Meeting. We used those conversations and data to construct a letter to the Provost, outlining our recommendations for how to improve cross-disciplinary research at UC. We also acted in other ways, including, in response to current lack of knowledge amongst faculty of the</p>	

research directory, reaching out to the staff at UC Currents and other PR folks on campus to encourage them to provide directory listings in their stories about UC researchers. We also asked PR outlets to highlight stories of successful cross-disciplinary research at UC. The chairwoman of the committee also worked with related committees across campus on efforts to encourage and support cross-disciplinarity, largely housed in the office of Philip Taylor.

Second, in response to faculty concerns over the speed and processes overseen by the Institutional Review Board, our committee met with leadership from the IRB. We presented several problematic cases for consideration, each revealing key problems with the current IRB system and response time. The IRB leaders and committee worked together to generate concrete steps for alleviating the problems.

Committee Recommendations or Follow-Up for 2015-2016:

Next year, the committee should follow up on the actions set into place as a result of the IRB meeting (see meeting notes from March 2015 and contact Sally Moomaw for additional details). The committee should also talk with faculty to ensure that the changes have successfully alleviating some of the problems identified this year and seek to reveal any new or overlooked problems that have arisen in the meantime.

When complete, save your report with the committee name and report date as the file name. Please send the file to Tracy.Herrmann@uc.edu. Thank you! **DUE June 1, 2015.**