Membership

The members of the 2013-2014 Research Council, their departments and terms:

- Mark Nanny *  
  Earth & Energy  
  2011-14
- Hugh Benson *  
  Philosophy  
  2011-14
- Robert Cichewicz  
  Chemistry/Biochemistry  
  2011-14
- Karen Antell *  
  University Libraries  
  2011-14
- Younane Abousleiman  
  Geology/Geophysics  
  2012-15
- Traci Carte  
  Management Information Systems  
  2012-15
- Sheena Murphy  
  Physics/Astronomy  
  2012-15
- Susan Schroeder **  
  Microbiology & Plant Biology  
  2012-15
- Douglas Gaffin  
  Biology  
  2013-16
- Cecil Lewis  
  Anthropology  
  2013-16
- Rozmeri Basic *  
  Art & Art History  
  2013-16
- Jane Wickersham  
  History  
  2013-16
- Kendra Williams-Diehm  
  Educational Psychology  
  2013-16

Ex-Officio Members:
- Kelvin Droegemeier  
  Vice President for Research
- Alicia Knoedler  
  Associate Vice President for Research, and Director of the  
  Center for Research Program Development & Enrichment

Secretary:
- Cindy Clark  
  Center for Research Program Development & Enrichment

* Professor Mark Nanny joined the Council in August 2013 to complete the term for Dimitrios Papavassiliou,  
  Professor Hugh Benson joined the Council in August 2013 to complete the term for Suzanne Moon, Professor Susan Schroeder joined the Council in August 2013 to complete the term for Bing Zhang, Professor Shen Guoqiang joined the Council in August 2013 to complete the term for Laurie Scrivener, Professor Karen Antell joined the Council in December 2013 to complete the term for Shen Guoqiang, and Professor Rozmeri Basic joined the Council in January 2014 to serve one semester for Jennifer Saltzstein.

Professors Nanny, Benson, Cichewicz, and Antell completed their terms at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year.  
Professors Abousleiman and Carte resigned their positions at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year. **The 2014-2015 Chair of the Research Council was elected at the April 2014 meeting and will be Dr. Susan Schroeder,  
Department of Microbiology and Plant Biology.

The Faculty Senate Appointments to replace Hugh Benson, Karen Antell, Younane Abousleiman, and Traci Carte,  
and the Presidential Appointments to replace Mark Nanny and Robert Cichewicz will be forthcoming.

In accordance to the charge of the Research Council (January 7, 2004), appointments to the Council include two members in each of the following six areas and one member from Fine Arts:

a) Engineering: Younane Abousleiman and Mark Nanny
b) Physical Sciences: Robert Cichewicz and Sheena Murphy
c) Social Sciences and Education: Cecil Lewis and Kendra Williams-Diehm
d) Biological Sciences: Doug Gaffin and Susan Schroeder
e) Humanities and Arts: Hugh Benson and Jane Wickersham
f) Other: Karen Antell and Traci Carte
g) Fine Arts: Rozmeri Basic
The primary activity of the Research Council during the 2013-2014 academic year was to advise and make recommendations to the Vice President for Research (VPR) pertaining to awards and honors under his administration, namely:

- Faculty Investment Program (Up to $15,000)
- Junior Faculty Fellowships ($7,000 + Fringe)
- VPR Awards Program (4 awards of $2,500 each)
- George Lynn Cross Research Professorship (recommendation to President)
- Henry Daniel Rinsland Memorial Award for Excellence in Educational Research

A summary of the Research Council funding and award recommendations approved by the VPR for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 will be available on the Research Council’s website. Statistics concerning the programs supported by the Research Council as of May 31, 2014 are attached.

The Research Council devoted much time and discussion to funding programs, award nominations and additional issues.

- Faculty Investment Program (FIP) – The Faculty Investment Program provides funding on a competitive basis to develop and expand the scholarly (i.e., research and creative) activities of Norman campus researchers, including researchers associated with Norman Campus Programs at OU-Tulsa. The FIP is designed to provide maximum flexibility in meeting researcher needs via strategic investment of funds with a high degree of expectation and accountability. Ultimately, FIP is expected to enhance the national and international reputation of the University of Oklahoma via excellence in scholarship. The goal of obtaining external funding is not a requirement, but proposals are carefully evaluated for the contribution they make to a faculty member’s program of research, scholarship, or creative activity. The maximum award under the FIP is $15,000, and proposals are welcome in any amount up to the maximum. During fiscal year 2014, there were 56 FIP requests submitted to the Research Council, and 21 awards were funded for a total of $278,107.

- Junior Faculty Fellowship Program – This program is designed to help new tenure-track faculty members establish their research/creative activity and make progress toward tenure by providing support in areas critical to the development of their programs. The program is restricted to tenure-track assistant professors who are in the first four years of their tenure-track position at the University. As a general rule, the $7,000 (plus fringe benefits) awards are used as summer (June and July) stipends to enable faculty members to carry out full time research during that period. However, the awards are not limited to summer stipends, and faculty members are urged to use the awards in a manner that provides maximum benefit to their research programs. This might include supplies, equipment, personnel and travel. A faculty member receiving an award is expected to make a one-month commitment to research during the summer. Faculty members who have not acquired a terminal degree by the deadline for application, associate and full professors, instructors, and visiting appointees are not eligible for this program. Also, because of the limited number of available awards, faculty cannot receive an award in consecutive years, and faculty who have other sources of summer salary support receive lower priority. In February 2014, 17 proposals were selected from 47 submissions to receive Junior Faculty Fellowships. Most requested the funds to be used for salary; however, there were a few faculty that submitted budgets that included supplies, resulting in differing award amounts. The amounts ranged from $7,000 to $9,471 and the total funding amount for the program was $149,276.

- The Council reviewed nominations and made recommendations to the Provost for the George Lynn Cross Research Professorship and the Henry Daniel Rinsland Memorial Award for Excellence in Educational Research. They also made recommendations to the VPR for the VPR Outstanding Research Impact Award and the VPR Outstanding Research Engagement Award.
• The Research Council’s website lists award information for all of the Research Council grant and award recipients.

• During the summer of 2014, the Research Council will also be revising the FIP and JFF guidelines to clarify various parts of the proposal process.

• In 2013, the Faculty Senate approved a plan to re-balance the Research Council membership to more accurately reflect the disciplines represented by recent patterns among submitted proposals. The new structure will increase the number of Research Council members from 13 to 15. The Faculty Senate will fill one of the seats, and a Presidential Appointee will occupy the other seat. The new structure for the Research Council starting in 2014-2015 is as follows:
  
  - Engineering, Energy, Mathematical and Physical Sciences (3 members)
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 members)
  - Life Sciences (2 members)
  - Humanities (3 members)
  - Education/Professional/Other (2 members)
  - Fine Arts (2 members)

On behalf of the Research Council, the Chair would like to thank Vice President for Research, Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, for his enthusiasm, energetic leadership and unique vision in reshaping the research landscape at the University of Oklahoma. The Research Council also thanks Dr. Alicia Knoedler, Associate Vice President for Research and Director of the Center for Research Program Development & Enrichment, for her efforts on behalf of the Council and for her support of the OU faculty in their efforts to produce quality research and creative activity. At the May meeting, the Vice President for Research presented the outgoing members Mark Nanny (served 2013-2014), Hugh Benson (served 2013-2014), Robert Cichewicz (served 2012-2014), Karen Antell (served 2013-2014), Younane Abousleiman (served 2012-2014), Traci Carte (served 2012-2014), and Rozmeri Basic (served 2014) with clocks to show their appreciation for the members’ service.

### Faculty Investment Program

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