Resolution 2018-2019-10 Faculty Senate Bylaw Change
Research Council

Whereas, UCF strives to become the recognized leader among 21st century universities; and

Whereas, a key metric for research in the Collective Impact Strategic Plan is to double research awards from $133 million to at least $250 million; and

Whereas, the Research Council is a university-level joint committee that annually reports to the Senate and doesn’t reflect the high faculty interest needed to achieve the key metric; and

Whereas, the membership of the Research Council consists of faculty, while most joint committees have a broad membership; therefore

Be it resolved that the Bylaws for the Faculty Constitution be amended to elevate the Research Council to a Senate Operational Committee with automatic updates to the Faculty Constitution as follows:

Research Council

1. Duties and Responsibilities.
   a. To recommend to the Faculty Senate such policies as it deems necessary and appropriate with respect to research activities, facilities, personnel, and patents to the vice president for Research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies.
   b. To consult with and advise the vice president for Research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies on the stimulation of and support for research activities, including policies for allocation of monies to be invested in UCF research endeavors.
   c. To assist in the evaluation of research programs within the university and advise on new research centers and institutes and the evaluation of performance of existing centers and institutes.
   d. To recommend policies that will foster a strong, mutually productive relationship between research centers and institutes and departments.
   e. To speak for the faculty on governmental, industrial, and other private sector and foundation support of the research programs of the university.
   f. To review the activities of the committees that deal with the use of human subjects or animals in research.
   g. To review the activities of the committee that deals with copyrights and patents.
   h. To review and make recommendations to the vice president for Research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies on internal research grants and awards.
   i. To work with the vice president for Research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies in establishing guidelines for submissions and review of research proposals.
j. To recommend policies to promote the responsible conduct of research by UCF faculty, staff, and students.

k. To make recommendations to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate.

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of eighteen one faculty members with at least one representative from each of the academic units (selected by the Committee on Committees, in consultation with the vice president for Research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies and the college deans) and two additional faculty members from the institutes and/or centers (will be designated by the vice president for Research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies). Academic unit faculty membership shall proportionally represent the number of faculty of the colleges. Selection criteria shall include a productive record of research/scholarly activity. Only faculty members holding the rank of associate professor or professor or professional librarians of comparable rank shall be eligible for membership. The vice president for Research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies (or designee) shall serve as an ex officio member. Terms of service shall be three years, staggered. The chair and vice chair of the council shall be elected annually by its membership.

Approved by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on January 17, 2019.
Approved by the Faculty Senate on March 21, 2019.