

**HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER HANDBOOK OF OPERATING PROCEDURES**

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## **UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL**

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### **Members**

1. Associate Deans for Research from each School
  2. Four Center Directors (with largest research funding)
  3. Four department Chairs (academic departments with largest research funding)
  4. VA ACOS
  5. Two senior scientists
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### **Ex-Officio**

1. Assistant Vice President for Research Administration and Initiatives
  2. Assistant Vice President for Risk Management and Safety
  3. Manager, Financial Operations, Office of the Vice President for Research
  4. Director, Laboratory Animal Resources
  5. Assistant Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs
  6. Assistant Vice President for Research Operations
  7. Assistant Vice President for South Texas Technology Management
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### **Chair**

Appointed by the President.

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### **Charge**

The mission of the Office of the Vice President for Research is to enhance the University's contribution to the health of our society by moving scientific knowledge obtained by our research teams in collaboration with other institutions into clinical practice. The Office will accomplish this mission by assisting individual faculty members in their research endeavors, promoting interdisciplinary and inter-institutional

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research, providing administrative support to the institution's research activities, and promoting the commercialization of our research team's discoveries.

The University Research Council (URC) shall serve as an advisory body of the Health Science Center for issues related to research. This Committee will report to the Vice President for Research. The URC will recommend proactive initiatives to foster and stimulate collaborative and interdisciplinary research, as well as providing guidance and assistance as needed regarding research issues related to the operations of the Office of the Vice President for Research.

**Term of  
Membership**

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Two years

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