

Faculty Research Committee Report for 2013-2014

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Background: (a) The Faculty Committee on Research consists of nine members appointed by the Chancellor; and (b) the committee advises the Chancellor, other officers of administration, and the Faculty Council on matters of University policy and its implementation that have significant impact upon research.

Mission: Our broad mission is to contribute to and support the research mission of the University. We are advisory to Barbara Entwisle, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor of Research. Prior suggestions over the past several years have included instituting bridge funding for faculty between grants, creating in-house sabbaticals to foster interdisciplinary exchange, and proposing mechanisms to formalize in-house grant panels.

Last year, the committee focused on a number of agenda items of its own and provided feedback to Dr. Entwisle on pressing issues related to research at the University. The committee discussed the following issues:

- Developing programs to provide bridge funding for faculty between grants
- Expanding seed money for research
- Working collaboratively across campus regarding resource sharing
- Putting together diverse research groups, incentivizing collaboration across campus, incentivizing networking and the development of groups like CFAR (Center for AIDS Research)
- Growing UNC-CH's portfolio of industrial grants
- Increasing opportunities for junior faculty development
- Enhancing recruitment and retention efforts
- Enhancing UNC-CH internal and external communication about research

The final product of the committee will be to make a series of recommendations for Dr. Entwisle and UNC-CH to consider.