September 6, 2017

Michael Rosenfeld, Chair
Faculty Council on Research

Dear Professor Rosenfeld:

The Faculty Council on Research is charged with responsibility “for all matters of policy relating to research” (Faculty Code, Sec 42-37). Activities historically performed include reviewing any requests for approval submitted by a principle investigator (PI) who is entering into a contract which creates restrictions to the university’s research and academic mission - reporting council vote results to Faculty Senate leadership; addressing research-related issues, inquiries, and interests on behalf of UW faculty, especially by way of inviting key administrators for providing supplementary information and for receiving council feedback and guidance on topics at-hand.

Our recommendation is that the council identify specific goals that can be accomplished by the end of the 2017-18 academic year.

The Senate office did a background review to help identify goals for your council. This included review of minutes from last year’s meetings, review of discussions at Faculty Senate meetings, and selected outreach for topics. Recommended goals and / or topics for discussion include:

- Finalize revisions for Executive Order No. 8 in order to facilitate FCR’s delegation of approval authority to Office of Sponsored Programs for clearly and specifically defined waiver requests.
- Identify best practices, policies, or procedures that may help facilitate expanding the sharing of research resources between UW researchers.

After your first council meeting we will be available to discuss the goals your council identified. Thereafter, we will post your council’s goals on the Faculty Senate website to communicate the important work you are doing on their behalf.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Faculty Senate
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