

COUNCIL ON RESEARCH

A Joint Standing Council of the School of Dental Medicine Senate and Administration

Name of Council: Council on Research

Composition: This Council shall consist of one member from each of the three departments of the School of Dental Medicine (SDM), one member from each of the type 2 centers of the SDM, one SDM department head, two members representing the basic science departments, the Associate Dean for Research of the SDM and the Associate Dean for Research and Planning of the School of Medicine. All Council members shall have voting privileges. The Council shall elect a chairperson from among its SDM faculty members.

Selection: SDM faculty Council members shall be elected by the faculty of their respective departments and centers. The basic science faculty members will be elected from among all of the basic science faculty. The elections will be held in June, and the elected faculty member will assume his/her duties on July 1. Faculty members will serve a term of three years; no faculty member may serve more than two consecutive terms. The SDM department head representative shall be selected by the three department heads, and must not be a member of any other SDM Senate Council. The Council members must have appropriate expertise and interest in research, and must communicate the activities, recommendations and decisions of the Council to their departmental colleagues.

Reports to: This Council reports to the SDM Senate and the SDM administration. The Council chairperson will meet with the Steering Committee at least quarterly and with the SDM Executive Committee on an as needed basis to report on the Council's activities. Minutes of the Council meetings, recommendations and decisions of the Council will be posted on the Senate website which will be accessible to all faculty, and to enrolled students/residents.

Duties: This Council will meet at least monthly to initiate, develop, recommend and evaluate policies concerning all aspects of research. Additionally, the Council will promote SDM research initiatives, SDM interests in strategic and signature program initiatives, technology transfer, and faculty mentoring and collaborative relationships. To aid in its charge, the Council may appoint subcommittees composed of faculty members and administrators with appropriate expertise and students from appropriate constituencies.

Approved by BOD: June 11, 2007