

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
RESEARCH POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2021-2022 Annual Report**

Members:

Name	Rank	Department	Div	E/A	Term Ends
Paul Brodwin	FAC	Anthroplogy	SS	E	2024
Jennifer Haas	AS	Anthroplogy	-	E	2024
Ann Hanlon	AS	UWM Libraries	-	A	2024
Michael Pauers	FAC	Mathematics & Natural Sciences	GS	E	2024
Janis Eells	FAC	Biomedical Sciences	PR	E	2023
Jay Kappellusch	FAC	Occupational Science & Technology	PR	A	2023
Jennifer Kibicho ¹	FAC	Nursing	PR	E	2023
Liam Callanan	FAC	English	AH	A	2022
Robin Mello, Chair	FAC	Theatre	AH	E	2022
Kristin Roosevelt	AS	School of Education	-	A	2022
Alan Wiseman	FAC	Physics	NS	E	2022
< >	FAC	(GFC Rep)		A	2022
Mark Harris	Int VP	Vice Provost for Research	x-o	o	2022
Kate Mollen	Int Dir	Office of Sponsored Programs	x-o	o	2022
Jason Puskar	Dean	Graduate School	x-o	o	2022

< > Yet to be appointed

1 Repl. J. Jordan (2023-E)

x-o Ex-officio

o Serves by virtue of office

Charter:

Functions/ Responsibilities:

A3.7 Research Policy and Advisory Committee

- (1) Membership. Twelve voting members as follows: six elected faculty members, at least one from each division; a representative of the Graduate Faculty Committee; one elected member of the Academic Staff who is engaged in research activities; two faculty members and two members of the academic staff appointed by the Chancellor.

In addition, the administrative director of sponsored research, the university executive officer in charge of research (e.g. Vice Provost for Research), and the university executive officer in charge of graduate education (e.g. Dean of the Graduate School) serve as ex-officio members.

(Document 2169, 12/17/98; UWM Administration approval, 12/30/98)
(Editorially revised: Document 2319, 12/20/01; UWM Administration approval, 12/28/01)
(Document 2561, 2/15/07; UWM Administration approval, 3/15/07)
(Editorially revised, 5/16/07)
(Document 2941, 02/20/14; UWM Administration approval, 03/24/14)

(2) Functions

- (a) On its own initiative, or in cooperation with other faculty committees, advises the Chancellor, the Provost, the Faculty Senate, and the university executive officer in charge of research (e.g. Vice Provost for Research), and the university executive officer in charge of graduate education (e.g. Dean of the Graduate School) on matters of research policy, procedures, and infrastructure to promote and advocate for the growth of research, graduate education and scholarship at UWM.
- (b) Recommends overall allocation of resources for research at UWM, and reviews the operation of all university research units, in order to determine whether the programs and activities are both effective and consistent with the mission and research goals of the University.
- (c) Recommends and reviews overall University policy governing all mandated review boards within UWM (e.g., Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, Institutional Safety and Hazards Committee, etc.)

(Document 1102, 5/11/78; UWM Administration approval, 5/17/78)
(Document 1680, 9/21/89; UWM Administration approval, 10/6/89)
(Document 1790, 10/17/91; UWM Administration approval, 10/31/91)
(Editorially revised: 4/26/02)
(Document 2561, 2/15/07; UWM Administration approval, 3/15/07)
(Document 2941, 02/20/14; UWM Administration approval, 03/24/14)

Meetings:

The RPAC met on the following dates:

September 10, 2021
October 1, 2021
October 29, 2021
December 3, 2021
February 4, 2022
March 4, 2022
April 1, 2022
May 12, 2022

Summary of activities

Throughout the year, the committee received updates or presentations on these topics, followed by discussion:

- Preview of the Research Assistance Fund, a pilot program for supporting immediate research needs
- Conflict of Interest Policy for Individuals Engaged in Research and Other Sponsored Programs (endorsed by RPAC, subsequently approved as SAAP 07-18)
- Supporting diversity in research

- Implementation of an additional stipend level of 21K for 50% academic year Research Assistants. Natural Science departments, the College of Engineering, Freshwater Sciences, and the Psychology Department moved to this level. There is a tentative agreement for annual increases across all tiers.
- Merger of the Office of Research and the Graduate School under the academic reorganization plan
- Sustainability of appropriate support levels and turnaround time for the Institutional Review Board in light of staff departures
- Results of the “What Do You Need?” survey, which served as the basis for developing the Research Assistance Fund
- The addition of a compliance position in the Office of Research
- Approval of funding for an assessment of UWM’s research operations by the National Council of University Research Administrators
- Reviewing the metrics that are the basis for the Carnegie “R1: Doctoral Universities – Very high research activity” classification
- UWM Libraries – research support through collection development
- Carnegie Community Engagement Classification
- Report of the 2030 Graduate Student Support working group
- Research Advocacy – The RPAC spent several meetings refining a report that was sent to outgoing Provost Britz, incoming Interim Provost Gronert, and Vice Provost for Research Harris on May 13. The report outlined areas of strength and needs for research at UWM and is intended to complement the work done by the 2030 Research Infrastructure work group.