

Research and Creative Activities Committee
Annual Report, 2009-2010

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The Research and Creative Activities Committee (RCA) was established by the University Senate in the Fall, 2008. According to the Senate motion, the RCA

“is advisory to the Vice President for Research and Economic Affairs on policies and programs to promote, enhance, and govern research and creative activities. It serves as a review body for policies in the research manual and issues brought to it by the Vice President. The Committee may undertake studies of issues that pertain to its mission.”

The RCA has two subcommittees, one for Misconduct in Research and the other for Classified Research.

During the past academic year, the RCA made final adjustments to ACD-118/RSP-404, the faculty policy on Classified Research, and successfully moved it through the Senate. It also reviewed a new policy RSP 108 on Ownership of Research Data and Materials, and revisions to RSP 502-03 regarding effort reporting. The final versions clarify several issues and were approved.

ABOR has been working on revisions to its Policy 6-908 on Intellectual Property. The RCA reviewed a draft, along with the Intellectual Property Committee, and also on the version submitted for first read at the January ABOR meeting. Several comments were sent forward. A second read has not yet occurred, and work is continuing on adjustments to the policy.

The recent tuition remission policy regarding charges on sponsored projects continued to be an issue. The RCA advanced a motion to the University Senate to form a Task Force to examine the policy. The joint faculty-administration task force developed several recommendations and submitted them in a report to the Senate.

There were no cases of misconduct in research this academic year.

No classified research is being conducted by ASU, and no grants have been received for classified research. The Classified Research Subcommittee met and approved a request that, for a brief period during a conference, certain classified documents be made available to some participants in a secure location. The Subcommittee commends the OVPREA for ensuring faculty participation in a matter that is in a grey area of the policy.