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Operational Committees

Operational Committees are typically established by an action of divisional leadership. This designation applies to all university committees that do not meet one of the criteria of an executive committee. For more information about operational committees please contact the office most closely associated with the committee of interest.

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Committee on Committees Charter

Purpose

To serve and advise the President as directed in matters pertaining to University Committees.

Charge

The Committee on Committees (COC) is responsible for reviewing the University's committee structure and efficacy and making recommendations to the President regarding committee classifications and appointments.

Membership

The COC is chaired by the Vice President for Academic Operations. Other members include representatives of groups with significant University Committee membership. The Chair may appoint other non-voting members as necessary to conduct committee business. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	VP, Academic Operations	Ms. Stephanie Fenter
Member	2025-2027	Academic Affairs Representative	Dr. Colleen Swain
Member	2025-2027	Research Representative	Ms. Lisa Bush
Member	2025-2027	Student Success Representative	Mr. Joshua Neaves
Member	2025-2027	Legal Affairs Representative	Mr. David Northcutt
Member	Ex-Officio	SGA President	Ms. Victoria Okafor
Member	2025-2026	Faculty Representative	Dr. Yanira Oliveras
Member	Ex-Officio	Staff Senate President	Mr. Robert Smith

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Chair Responsibilities

The Committee Chair is responsible for leading and facilitating the work of the Committee including, but not limited to, calling meetings of the Committee, setting agendas, directing activities and assignments as needed and overseeing communication with Committee members and with the President.

Recommendations and Reporting

The COC will provide an annual report to the President in late summer with nominations for appointments to Executive Committees and any recommended revisions to committee classifications or structure. Other formal recommendations or reports will be provided as needed and at the direction of the President.

Appointment and Term Limits

Ex-Officio members may appoint a designee to serve in their place. If a designee is appointed, they satisfy all of the requirements that may have been met by the nature of the position they are representing. Other positions are filled by the Chair in consultation with senior leadership in each area. Regular member terms are two years, and a member may not serve for more than two consecutive terms. Ex-Officio terms are for the duration of service in their position. An Ex-Officio designee may not serve more than two consecutive years.

Charter Revisions

This charter may not be revised unless directed by the President.

Designated Executive Committee

Conflict of Interest Committee Overview

Purpose

To review institutional conflicts of interest (ICOs) with sufficient authority to advise on the identification, disclosure, and management or elimination of all facets of ICOs.

Charge

The Conflict of Interest Committee reviews, develops, and approves plans for management of institutional, individual, and research conflicts of interest in accordance with the UT System and the University's Conflicts of Interest and Outside Activities policies.

Membership

The Chief Legal Officer is responsible for calling the first meeting. The Chair is selected annually by committee members. Committees that review ICOs should be composed of members who reflect the broad training and varied interests that arise in the ICOI context. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Member	2025-2027	Health Representative	Dr. Jarett Berry
Member	Ex-Officio	Associate VP of Research Administration	Ms. Lisa Bush
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Financial Officer	Mr. Dwain Morris
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Human Resources Officer	Ms. Gracy Buentello
Member	Ex-Officio	Senior VP of Legal Affairs, CLO	Mr. David Northcutt
Member	2025-2026	Faculty Representative	Dr. Yanira Oliveras
Member	Ex-Officio	Executive Director of Compliance, CCO	Ms. Jennifer Rau-Hug

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Chair Responsibilities

Reviewing conflicts of interest, conflicts of commitment and outside activity related issues. Implement management plans to minimize the risks of undue influence of conflicts of interest on decisions affecting the University's research, education, clinical care, business transactions, investments, or other activities of the institution. Help ensure that procedures are implemented for properly training employees in the method for accurately completing information in the UTS portal.

Recommendations and Reporting

Advise the President regarding the identification, evaluation, and management of conflicts of interest.

Mandated: UTS 189, sec. 5

Endowment Compliance Committee Overview

Purpose

To serve and advise the President and the Sr. VP of Advancement on matters pertaining to Endowment Compliance

Charge

The Endowment Compliance Committee is responsible for considering the endowment compliance effort from a broad institutional perspective and for reviewing the University's endowment compliance plan.

Membership

The Endowment Compliance Committee is chaired by the VP of Advancement or their representative. Other members include but are not limited to representatives from Academic and Health Affairs, Advancement, Administration, and Research. The Chair may appoint other non-voting members as necessary to conduct committee business. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	Associate Vice President, Advancement	Ms. Susan Rossman
Member	Ex-Officio	Provost & Chief Academic Officer	Dr. Barbara Haas
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Business Officer	Mr. Daniel Deslatte
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Financial Officer	Mr. Dwain Morris
Member	Ex-Officio	VP, Academic Operations	Ms. Stephanie Fenter
Member	Ex-Officio	VP, Health Operations	Ms. Kate Starnes
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Risk Officer	Mr. Stephen Ford
Member	Ex-Officio	Interim Chief Audit Executive	Mr. Stephen Ford
Member	Ex-Officio	Vice President, Enrollment Management	Mr. David Barron
Member	2025-2027	Dean, Soules College of Business	Dr. Krist Swimberghe
Member	2025-2026	Dean, Fisch College of Pharmacy	Dr. Pamella Ochoa
Member	2025-2026	Chair, Civil and Construction Engineering	Dr. Mena Souliman
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Director, Endowment Compliance	Mr. James Hines

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Mandated: UTS 117 Sec 5.2 - Endowment Compliance Plan Systemwide Standards and Guidelines

Executive Compliance Committee Overview

Purpose

To oversee the institutional compliance programs.

Charge

The Executive Compliance Committee (ECC) is responsible for ensuring adequate resources are dedicated to compliance programs institution-wide, ensures appropriate action is taken when noncompliance issues are brought to its attention, and provides overall policy guidance for the program. The ECC meets quarterly and is chaired by the President.

Membership

The ECC is chaired by the President per the Systemwide Compliance Charter. Other members include but are not limited to the ex-officio positions in the table below. The Chair may appoint other non-voting members as necessary to conduct committee business. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	President	Dr. Julie Philley
Member	Ex-Officio	Provost & Chief Academic Officer	Dr. Barbara Haas
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Business Officer	Mr. Daniel Deslatte
Member	Ex-Officio	President, University Practice Plan	Dr. Steven Cox
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Legal Officer	Mr. David Northcutt
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Risk Officer	Mr. Stephen Ford
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Compliance Officer	Ms. Jennifer Rau-Hug
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Interim Chief Audit Executive	Mr. Stephen Ford
Non-Voting Member	2025-2026	Faculty Representative	Dr. Yanira Oliveras

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Mandated: UTS 119 Article VI. - U.T. System Systemwide Compliance Charter

Handbook of Operating Procedures Committee Overview

Purpose

Maintain the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP)

Charge

The HOP Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations regarding proposed new and amended policies to the President as well as updating the HOP at least once a year or more frequently, as needed to ensure adherence to all applicable UT System, State, and Federal rules and regulations.

Membership

The HOP Committee consists of campus leaders representing each division and college. The committee is chaired by the Provost and reports to the President. Ex-Officio members may appoint a designee to serve in their place. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	Provost & Chief Academic Officer	Dr. Barbara Haas
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Business Officer	Mr. Daniel Deslatte
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Risk Officer	Mr. Stephen Ford
Member	Ex-Officio	Interim VP, Student Success	Dr. Sam Ferguson
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Financial Officer	Mr. Dwain Morris
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Human Resources Officer	Ms. Gracy Buentello
Member	Ex-Officio	VP, Health Operations	Ms. Kate Starnes
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Legal Officer	Mr. David Northcutt
Member	Ex-Officio	Vice President, Information Technology	Mr. Isai Ramirez
Member	Ex-Officio	VP, Academic Operations	Ms. Stephanie Fenter
Member	Ex-Officio	Associate Vice President, Advancement	Ms. Susan Rossman
Member	Ex-Officio	AVP, Research Administration	Ms. Lisa Bush
Member	Ex-Officio	Student Government Association President	Ms. Victoria Okafor
Member	2025-2026	At-Large Faculty Representative	Dr. Yanira Oliveras
Member	Ex-Officio	Staff Senate President or Designee	Mr. Robert Smith
Member	Ex-Officio	Executive Director of Compliance, CCO	Ms. Jennifer Rau-Hug
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	HOP Coordinator	Ms. Elizabeth Caulkins
Member	2025-2028	College of Arts & Sciences	Dr. Rick Helfers
Member	2025-2028	School of Nursing	Dr. Cami Jo Tice-Harouff
Member	2024-2027	College of Engineering	Dr. Hassan El Kishky
Member	2024-2027	Fisch College of Pharmacy	Dr. Chowdhury Abdullah
Member	2024-2027	School of Health Professions	Dr. David Criswell
Member	2024-2027	School of Medicine	Dr. Tuan Le
Member	2023-2026	Soules College of Business	Dr. Mary Fischer
Member	2023-2026	College of Education & Psychology	Dr. Brandon Bretl

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Designated Executive Committee

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Overview

Purpose

To oversee and evaluate all aspects of animal care and use.

Charge

The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is responsible for reviewing proposals that involve animals to ensure that the criteria established in the PHS Policy, and the Animal Welfare Regulations are implemented.

Membership

Members are selected according to the federal requirements, including a chair, attending veterinarian, alternative veterinarian, non-scientific member, non-affiliated member, scientists working with animals and any other member as needed. Good practices are followed when selecting members who have experience with different aspects of animal work.

Role	Term	Position Affiliation
Chair	2025-2026	Biotechnology Faculty
Vice Chair	2025-2026	Biology Faculty
Member	2025-2026	Attending Veterinarian
Member	2025-2026	Pharmacy Faculty
Member	2025-2026	Biology Faculty
Member	2025-2026	Biology Faculty
Member	2025-2026	Biomedical Research Faculty
Member	2025-2026	Biomedical Research Faculty
Member	Ex-Officio	AVP Research Administration
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Compliance Officer
Member	2025-2026	Biomedical Research Staff
Member	2025-2026	Non-Scientist Staff
Member	2025-2026	Unaffiliated – Community Member
Alternate	2025-2026	Unaffiliated – Community Member
Alternate	2025-2026	Unaffiliated – Veterinarian

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Chair Responsibilities

The Committee Chair is responsible for organizing IACUC meetings, serving as a liaison between IACUC and the President, working on SOPs, forms, and other documents, preparing, and submitting reports to the federal government and other agencies as appropriate, and providing guidance to investigators.

Mandated: Animal Welfare Act and the Health Research Extension Act of 1985

Institutional Audit Committee Overview

Purpose

To manage all University audit activities and requirements.

Charge

The Institutional Audit Committee (IAC) assists and advises the UT System Audit, Compliance, and Risk Management Committee (ACRMC) and the Institution's President in the oversight of management activities and process, direction of internal audit activity, and any external public accounting firms and their results.

Membership

The Chair of the IAC will be nominated by the President and approved by the Chair of the ACRMC. Membership in the Committee is made up of members who are external to the University in addition to key members of the Institutional management team. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	2024-2027	Iglesias Law Firm, Owner	Mr. David Iglesias
Member	2024-2027	SVP & CEO, Memorial Hermann Cypress and Katy	Mr. Jerry Ashworth
Member	2024-2027	General Manager & CEO, Etex Communications, L.P.	Mr. Charlie Cano
Member	2024-2027	Genecov Foundation, President	Mr. Ray McKinney
Member	Ex-Officio	President	Dr. Julie Philley
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Business Officer	Mr. Daniel Deslatte
Member	Ex-Officio	Provost	Dr. Barbara Haas
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Financial Officer	Mr. Dwain Morris
Member	Ex-Officio	President, University Practice Plan	Dr. Steven Cox
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Legal Officer	Mr. David Northcutt
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Risk Officer	Mr. Stephen Ford
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Interim Chief Audit Executive	Mr. Stephen Ford
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Audit Executive, UT System	Mr. J. Michael Peppers

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Reporting

The IAC reports directly to the Board of Regents.

Mandated: Regents' Rule 20401, sec. 1.1 (b) | Exhibit A of UTS Policy 129

Institutional Biosafety Committee Overview

Purpose

To serve and advise the administration as directed in matters pertaining to biosafety.

Charge

The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) reviews recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecule research and educational activities conducted at or sponsored by the institution for compliance with the *NIH Guidelines* and approves those research projects that are found to conform with the *NIH Guidelines*.

Membership

Members are selected according to the federal requirements, including a chair, biosafety officer, 2 non-affiliated members, scientists versed in work covered by the IBC, and other members as needed. Best practices are followed when selecting IBC members. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	2025-2026	Center for Biomedical Research	Galina Florova, PhD
Vice Chair	2025-2026	Center for Biomedical Research	Hua Tang, PhD
Member	2025-2026	Center for Biomedical Research	Buka Samten, MD
Member	2025-2026	Biosafety Officer, Senior Lab Safety Manager	Chris Frydenlund
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	AVP for Research Administration	Lisa Bush
Member	2025-2026	Department of Biochemistry	Dustin Patterson, PhD
Member	2025-2026	Department of Biology	Wei-Chin Ho, PhD
Member	2025-2026	Unaffiliated Member	Beth Filla
Member	2025-2026	Unaffiliated Member	Michael Medford

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Chair Responsibilities

The Committee Chair is responsible for organizing IBC meetings, serving as a liaison between IBC and the President, working on SOPs, forms, and other documents, and providing guidance to investigators.

Mandated: NIH Guidelines Section IV-B-2-a

Institutional Research Integrity Committee Overview

Purpose

To serve and advise the administration as directed in matters pertaining to research integrity.

Charge

The Institutional Research Integrity Committee (IRIC) conducts the inquiry and investigation into allegations of misconduct in research or other scholarly activity.

Membership

Members are selected according to the federal requirements, including a chair, members versed in research who can evaluate research issues and research misconduct, and other members with expertise in regulatory requirements. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	2025-2026	Research Integrity Officer	Vijay Boggaram, PhD
Member	2025-2026	Medical Director, Center for Clinical Research	Alan Cook, MD
Member	2025-2026	Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer	David Northcutt
Member	2025-2026	Center for Biomedical Research	L. Vijaya Mohan Rao, PhD
Member	2025-2026	Center for Biomedical Research	Shashi Kant, PhD
Member	2025-2026	Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics	Karan Singh, PhD
Member	2025-2026	SOM Medical Education	David Pearson, PhD
Member	Ex-Officio	AVP for Research Administration	Lisa Bush
Member	Ex-Officio	Executive Director of Compliance & CCO	Jennifer Rau-Hug

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Chair Responsibilities

The Committee Chair is responsible for organizing IRIC meetings, serving as a liaison between IRIC and the President, working on policies, and other documents, preparing, and submitting reports to the federal government and other agencies as appropriate, and providing guidance to investigators.

Mandated: CFR Title 42 Chapter 1(h) Part 93.304 (f)

Institutional Review Board Overview

Purpose

To protect the rights and welfare of research participants.

Charge

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) is responsible for the protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects as well as ensuring scientific research is conducted ethically and in compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations and institutional policies.

Membership

The University of Texas at Tyler has three on-site IRB committees. Members are appointed for recurring one-year terms. The current members are listed below:

IRB 1			IRB 2			IRB 3	
Role	Name		Role	Name		Role	Name
Chair	Fernandez, Luis		Chair	Elueze, Emmanuel		Chair	Pearson, David
Member	Brazill, Bradley		Member	Burks, Jaquitta		Member	Brown, Leonard
Member	Burks, Jaquitta		Member	Bynum, James		Member	Burks, Jaquitta
Member	Bryd, Thersa		Member	Callens, Margaret		Member	Christie, Kim
Member	Davis, Regina		Member	Deese, Yvonne		Member	Dong, Neil
Member	Edwards, Perry		Member	Devine, Megan		Member	Gunpinar, Yasemin
Member	Elueze, Emanuel		Member	Escareno, Jessica		Member	Helfers, Richard
Member	LaMay, Gregory		Member	Frydenlund, Chris		Member	Kirby, Lauren
Member	Morris, Robin		Member	Garmon, Cheryl		Member	McInnis, Mary
Member	Pesina, Ramiro		Member	Jackson, Tameka		Member	Nunez, Angela
Member	Pivalizza, Evan		Member	Lucchesi, Pamela		Member	Rose, Dixie
Member	Ream, Marjorie		Member	Ross, Martha		Member	Thomas, Chet
Member	Tuvdendorj, Demi		Member	Russo, Rennie		Member	Thomas, Christopher
Member	Wadle, Carly		Member	Stewart, Jeff			

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Mandated: DHHS Regulation Codified at 45 CFR 46 | FDA Regulations Codified at 21 CFR 50 and 56
International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) Good Clinical Practices (GCP) Guidelines (ICH-GCP)

Intellectual Property Advisory Committee (IPAC) Overview

Purpose

Consider all disclosures of inventions created by any employee and help administer patent and copyright policies and secure appropriate rights.

Charge

The Intellectual Property Advisory Committee (IPAC) is responsible for ensuring that disclosures pertaining to intellectual property generated by UT Tyler employees are appropriately processed and in accordance with UTS125 policy and Rule 90101 of the Regents' Rules and Regulations, and UT Tyler HOP Policy 8.05.

Membership

The Chief Research Officer serves as the Chair. Membership is comprised of individuals across the institution with reasonable experience in different fields of science and/or intellectual property. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	Chief Research Officer	Amir Mirmiran
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Legal Officer	David Northcutt
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Financial Officer	Dwain Morris
Member	Ex-Officio	AVP for Research Administration	Lisa Bush
Member	Ex-Officio	Director, ETX Launchpad	Brandon Reynolds
Member	Ex-Officio	Research Administration Support Staff	Kerry Bonilla
Member	2025-2026	Associate Professor, Pharm. Sci. & Health Outcomes	Santosh Aryal
Member	2025-2026	Assistant Professor, Computer Science	Sagnik Dakshit
Member	2025-2026	Assistant Professor, School of Education	Christopher Thomas
Member	2025-2026	Professor, Chemistry	Dustin Patterson
Member	2025-2026	Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering	Premananda Indic
Member	2025-2026	Professor, Health & Kinesiology	X. Neil Dong
Member	2025-2026	Professor, Center for Biomedical Research	Vijay Rao
Member	2025-2026	Professor, Center for Biomedical Research	Andrey Komissarov
Member	2025-2026	Professor, OEHS	Vanessa Casanova

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Chair Responsibilities

The Committee Chair is responsible for organizing IPAC meetings, serving as a liaison between IPAC and the President, working with patent attorneys and inventors on provisional patent application and subsequent applications and patents, preparing and submitting reports to the federal government and the UTS.

Recommendations and Reporting

Reports determinations and decisions regarding intellectual property to the President for review. IPAC also recommends changes in the distribution of proceeds derived from intellectual property, if the equities so require.

Mandated: Bayh-Dole revised guidelines, UTS 125, BOR RR90101, and 37 CFR 401 et seq.

International (Travel) Oversight Committee Overview

Purpose

The IOC is responsible for travel suspension decisions and oversight of international crisis response as directed by the President.

Charge

The International Oversight Committee (IOC) is responsible for reviewing and approving University-sponsored travel to areas of High Risk. This includes locations where the U.S. State Department has issued a level 3 or 4 Travel Advisory, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued its highest Travel Health Notice Level, or the IOC has deemed significant health, safety, or security risks are present.

Membership

The IOC is chaired by the Director of International Programs. Other members represent broad, cross-functional expertise from multiple offices. The Chair may engage other representatives from throughout the university as necessary to conduct committee business. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	Director, International Programs	Ms. Cynthia Martinez
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Financial Officer	Mr. Dwain Morris
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Human Resources Officer	Ms. Gracy Buentello
Member	Ex-Officio	Interim VP, Student Success	Dr. Sam Ferguson
Member	Ex-Officio	SVP, Marketing and Communications	Mr. Jeff Noblitt
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Legal Officer	Mr. David Northcutt
Member	Ex-Officio	AVP, Research Administration	Ms. Lisa Bush
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Risk Officer	Mr. Stephen Ford
Member	Ex-Officio	Dir. of Environmental Health & Safety	Mr. Robby Underwood
Member	2024-2026	Faculty Representative	Dr. Gina Doecker
Member	2024-2026	Academic Affairs Representative	Dr. Neil Gray
Member	2025-2027	Health Affairs Representative	Ms. Whitney Magouyrk

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Mandated: UTS 190, sec. 5.1

IT Governance Steering Committee Overview

Purpose

To align IT services, projects and investments with the University strategy and objectives.

Charge

The IT Governance Steering Committee (ITGSC) is charged with creating the strategic vision and guiding principles for all information and technology at UT Tyler. Further, it will provide oversight of the IT service and project portfolios by evaluating, approving, and monitoring actions related to investments, and the prioritization of projects and services. The ITGSC also has authority over the Administrative Applications, Research and Educational Technology, IT Architecture & Infrastructure and Data Governance Committees.

Membership

The ITGSC is composed of key members of the institutional management team. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	Chief Business Officer	Mr. Daniel Deslatte
Member	Ex-Officio	Provost & Chief Academic Officer	Dr. Barbara Haas
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Financial Officer	Mr. Dwain Morris
Member	Ex-Officio	Interim VP, Student Success	Dr. Sam Ferguson
Member	Ex-Officio	VP, Academic Operations	Ms. Stephanie Fenter
Member	Ex-Officio	VP, Health Operations	Ms. Kate Starnes
Member	Ex-Officio	Controller	Mr. John Sprenkle
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Research Officer	Amir Mirmiran
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Human Resources Officer	Ms. Gracy Buentello
Member	2025-2026	Faculty Representative	Dr. Josh Banta
Member	Ex-Officio	Staff Senate President or designee	Mr. Steve Myers
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Vice President, Chief Information Officer	Mr. Isai Ramirez

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Designated as an Executive Committee

Medical Services, Research, & Development Plan (MSRDP) Board of Directors

Purpose

Recommends to the President of the Institution regarding the direction and management of the MSRDP Faculty Practice Plan

Membership

The President of the Institution Chairs the board. Members of the board are elected or appointed as required by the MSRDP Bylaws. Elections and/or appointments are generally effective after the annual meeting of the MSRDP, which typically occurs in November. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	President	Dr. Julie Philley
Vice Chair	Ex-Officio	President of the Practice Plan	Dr. Steven Cox
Treasurer	Ex-Officio	Chief Business Officer	Mr. Daniel Deslatte
Secretary	Ex-Officio	AVP Practice Plan Administration	Ms. Susan Cooper
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Anesthesia	Dr. Dave Warters
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery	Dr. Ramachandra Reddy
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Emergency Medicine	Dr. Robert Creath
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Family Medicine	Dr. Robert Tompkins
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Medicine	Dr. Jarett Berry
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, OEM (Interim)	Dr. Dalia Nessim
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Pediatrics	Dr. Jamie Librizzi
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Psychiatry and Behavioral Health	Dr. Cheryl McCullumsmith
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Radiology (Vacant)	
Member	Ex-Officio	Chair, Surgery	Dr. Hishaam Ismael
Member	2024-2025	President Appointed Member	Dr. Emmanuel Elueze
Member	2024-2025	President Appointed Member	Dr. Megan Devine
Member	2024-2026	Elected Member-at-Large	Dr. Erminia Massarelli
Member	2024-2026	Elected Member-at-Large	Dr. Taylor Teague
Member	2023-2025	Elected Member-at-Large	Dr. My-Huyen Tran
Member	2023-2025	Elected Member-at-Large	Dr. Matthew Leveno
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Legal Officer	Mr. David Northcutt
Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Financial Officer	Mr. Dwain Morris
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Chief of Staff	Dr. Robert Tompkins
Member	Ex-Officio	CEO, UT Health East Texas Physicians	Mr. Todd Hill
Member	Ex-Officio	Dean, UT Tyler School of Medicine	Dr. Sue Cox

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Designated as Executive Committee

Research Radiation Safety Committee Overview

Purpose

To advise the administration on matters pertaining to the utilization of radioisotopes.

Charge

The Research Radiation Safety Committee (RRSC) is responsible for monitoring and establishing safe practices for all research staff using radioisotopes.

Membership

Members are selected according to the State requirements as described in the Manual, including a chair, Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), safety representative, a member of research technical staff, faculty members with expertise in radiation safety, and other members as needed. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	AVP, Research Administration	Lisa Bush
Vice Chair	Ex-Officio	Radiation Safety Officer	Amy Tvinnereim
Member	2025-2026	RSA / Biomedical Equipment Technician IV	Randy Tate
Member	2025-2026	Center for Biomedical Research	L. Vijaya Mohan Rao, PhD
Member	2025-2026	Fisch College of Pharmacy	Santosh Aryal, PhD
Member	2025-2026	Senior Lab Safety Manager, Research Compliance	Chris Frydenlund
Member	2025-2026	Fisch College of Pharmacy	Ayman Hamouda, PhD
Member	2025-2026	School of Health Professions	Ashley Dalby

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Chair Responsibilities

The Committee Chair oversees committee operations and approves minutes. RSO and Vice Chair is responsible for organizing RRSC meetings, serving as a liaison between RRSC and the President, working on policies, and other documents, preparing, and submitting reports to the State and other agencies as appropriate, and providing guidance to investigators.

Mandated: Texas Administrative Code §289.252 (g) | CFR Title 10 Chapter 1 Part 35 (b) section 35.22

Student Fee Advisory Committee Overview

Purpose

To advise the governing board and the administration of the institution on the type, amount, and expenditure of compulsory fees for student services.

Charge

The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) shall study the type, amount, and expenditure of a compulsory fee under section 54.503 of the Texas Education Code and report out on their findings.

Membership

The SFAC chair is elected by the committee by a simple majority at the first meeting of the academic year. The SVP for Student Success will call the first meeting for the academic year. Meetings are called by the chair and/or SVP for Student Success once information regarding budget process has been confirmed. Members must include the following:

- Five student members who are enrolled for not less than six semester credit hours at the institution and who are representative of all students enrolled at the institution, appointed by the student government - three students to serve two-year terms on the committee and two students to serve one-year terms.
- Four members who are representative of the entire institution, appointed by the President.

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Member	2025-2026	University Rep.	Ms. Bayleigh Boyd
Member	2025-2026	University Rep.	Dr. Yanira Oliveras
Member	2025-2026	University Rep.	Ms. Leah Velarde
Member	2025-2027	University Rep.	Ms. Sidney Wilson
Member	2025-2026	Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	Student Representative	
Member	2025-2027	Student Representative	
Member	2024-2026	Student Representative	
Member	2024-2026	Student Representative	
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Interim VP, Student Success	Dr. Sam Ferguson
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Controller	Mr. John Sprenkle
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Director, Recreational Sports/HPC	Mr. Rick McGill

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Recommendations and Reporting

The Student Fee Advisory Committee shall meet with appropriate administrators of the institution, submit a written report on their study of the type, amount, and expenditure of a compulsory fees as defined under TEC 54.503 and recommend the type, amount, and expenditure of a compulsory fee to be charged for the next academic year.

Student Union Advisory Committee Overview

Purpose

To manage the student union fee funds.

Charge

The Student Union Advisory Committee (SUAC) is responsible for the control of all funds collected via the student union fee as well as monitoring and reporting on the expenditure of those fees in accordance with the Texas Education Code. The committee will work with the University Center staff and the Dean of students in the development, implementation, and interpretation of all UC policies and procedures.

Membership

The SUAC is chaired by the Executive Director of University Communities. Other members include representation from students, faculty, and staff. The Chair may appoint other non-voting members as necessary to conduct committee business. The current members are listed below:

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	Ex-Officio	University Center Operations	Mr. Chuck Brown
Member	2025-2026	Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	SGA Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	Greek Life Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	Greek Life Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	Athletics Student Representative	
Member	2025-2026	Faculty Representative	Dr. Aleksandra Cregler
Member	2025-2026	Staff Representative	Ms. Marti Halbrook
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Interim Dean of Students	Dr. Maggie Ruelle

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Recommendations and Reporting

The Student Union Advisory Committee shall annually submit to the president of the university a complete and itemized budget accompanied by a full and complete report of all activities conducted during the preceding year and all expenditures made in connection with those activities.

Mandated - Texas Education Code§ 54.5343