

University Research Council

Annual Report

2013-2014

- I. The purpose of the University Research Council (URC) shall be to serve as an advisory body to the Vice President for Research on matters pertaining to the development of research and creative activities at the University of Southern Mississippi. To this end, the Council is responsible for recommending, to the Vice President for Research, policies and procedures which will enhance the ability of the University of Southern Mississippi to realize its potential for distinction in research, creative, and scholarly activities. There shall be two representatives from each college and from University Libraries. The Vice President for Research, and the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration, shall be ex officio non-voting members of the Research Council. Ex officio representatives from research units on the Gulf Coast and Hattiesburg campuses may be selected as deemed appropriate by the Vice President for Research.

The representatives shall be elected by and from full-time faculty members holding professional rank without any qualifying designations such as “visiting,” “special,” or “adjunct.” An alternate also shall be elected or appointed to fulfill the responsibilities of the representative when necessary. (From the URC By-Laws)

- II. Members for 2013-14

FACULTY MEMBERS

Cheri Becker, COB (Cheri.Becker@usm.edu) (8/2013-7/2015)

Christopher Barry, COEP (Christopher.Barry@usm.edu) (8/2011-7/2014)*

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Teresa Welsh, COEP, (Teresa.Welsh@usm.edu) (8/2013-7/2015 extended)

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*indicates members who will be replaced in Fall 2014

#one year term; Faculty Senate member

The URC members voted on April 21, 2014, for this year to allow the Deans to appoint qualified members to fill open positions on the URC. The three Deans with open positions were contacted in early May offering them the choice of appointing positions or holding an election in May. Two Deans made appointments and one opted to hold the election early in the fall semester.

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Trent Gould, COH (Trent.Gould@usm.edu) (8/2014-2017) 2nd term
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One COEP member will be elected in early fall.

III. Activities

University Research Awards Day (Chair Dr. Louis Kyriakoudes)

URA Day was held on November 9, 2013 at the Thad Cochran Center. The 2013 Innovation Awards winners gave presentations about their work. Dr. Chris Barry chaired the poster session. Dr. Teresa Welsh chaired the displays which are composed of information tables lining the hallway to the presentation rooms.

University Research Awards for 2014

Innovation Awards (Chair Dr. Douglas Rust)

2014 Innovation Awards

Amal Mitra, College of Health (Lifetime Achievement)

Robson Storey, College of Science and Technology (Basic Research)

Steven Venette, College of Arts and Letters (Applied Research)

Rebecca Morgan Frank, College of Arts and Letters (Creative Activities)

Susannah Ural, College of Arts and Letters (Academic Partnership)

Jerome Kolbo, College of Health, (Multidisciplinary)

Ted Tomeny, College of Education and Psychology (Graduate Student)

Diana Lovejoy, College of Science and Technology (Research Advocate)

These awardees were announced at the Faculty Senate "Faculty Awards Day" held April 4, 2014 and will receive medallions at the 2014 University Research Awards Day scheduled for November 2014.

Dr. Rust has agreed to serve a second year as Innovation Awards chair; Dr. Welsh has volunteered to service as URA Day Displays chair.

URC webpages

The URC webpages were updated during 2013-14. Updates and enhancements include adding pictures from University Awards Day, providing a list of past award winners with links to their webpages, and adding links to archived news releases about URA Day.

<http://www.usm.edu/research/internal-awards>

Respectfully submitted:

Joyce M. Shaw

Chair

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