



Cleveland State University Research Challenge Committee Charter

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Research Challenge Committee (RCC or the committee) is to address problems faced by the faculty involved in extramurally funded research, to improve the research enterprise and environment at our University, and to advise the Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation and other administrative officers on matters of University policy and its implementation as they impact research and research-related university priorities.

Committee Membership

Committee members are appointed by the Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation. The committee consists of faculty members selected-at-large, senior administrative staff members, and ex-officio members representing the Office of Research. Faculty members will be nominated by their respective College Deans. Administrative members will represent key areas of research support, including IT, operations/budget, HR, and facilities. The committee chair will be the Associate Vice President for Research.

Authority of the Committee

The Research Challenge Committee is not decisional but provides recommendations to improve research at the university and assist the university in achieving research-related goals and priorities. It provides a forum to raise and elevate visibility on research-related concerns or issues.

Responsibilities

The committee will meet quarterly to review issues raised by members or submitted by faculty or others with direct connections to the University's research activities and priorities. As above, the committee will serve as a forum for dialogue between faculty and the university administration to discuss policies that significantly affect research productivity. The committee will develop actionable plans, and the execution of those plans will be monitored by the committee to ensure they are completed. Meeting minutes are recorded and posted to the committee website. Any member of the CSU community can raise an issue for the committee to review.

Duration

This charter shall remain in effect until December 31, 2023 but will be reviewed annually by the committee for edits and revisions as needed. The charter may be renewed as often as needed.