

Faculty Senate Research Committee Report

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Research Advisory Board update

- Research Enhancement Plan
- Research Advisory Committee (RAC)
- Membership
- <http://research.utsa.edu/rab/>
- 2012-13 foci
 - Multi/Interdisciplinary Research at UTSA
 - Recommendations for Fostering Research Productivity and Creating a Research Culture at the University of Texas at San Antonio (Macro issues)
 - UTSA Research Goals: Micro Issues

Update from RAB Sept 2013

- IRB Review (Regulatory and “best practices”)
- Strengths
 - Recognizes the flexibility of the regulations and in large part reviews research at the least restrictive level of review.
 - Relies on full-time IRB staff for all non-committee procedures.
 - Appropriately uses waivers of written documentation of consent for most research involving no more than minimal risk to subjects.
 - IRB Director helpful
- Concerns (see handout)
 - IRB functions
 - IRB office functions
- Recommendations (see handout)
- IRB Advisory Task Force

Update by VPR

- IRB Advisory Task Force
- Building UTSA's Portfolio
 - Topics identified by colleges
 - Plan to enhance (including faculty, infrastructure, etc)
- Administration: Critical examination of processes (and forms)
- Commercialization
 - Record number of disclosures
 - Recovered \$100K in patent costs

VPR update (con't)

- Reconstruction of ORI
 - IRB processes
 - Procedures/forms (revised)
 - Electronic management system
 - Turn around time
 - Paradigm shift (minimal risk, not zero)
 - Separation of duties
 - Timeline: ASAP
 - Export control
 - Enhance research ethics program
 - Mickey Stevenson RIO (with Provost and VPR as decision makers)

Goals for 2013-14

- Graduate studies at UTSA
- Undergraduate research at UTSA
- Follow-up on white papers