

# University of North Texas Health Science Center Research Advisory Council (RAC)

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## **CHARGE**

The Research Advisory Council is charged with the following:

- To improve communication within the campus research community regarding research practices and research administrative issues;
- To provide a feedback mechanism from the research community to the research administrative offices and the Deans of the schools;
- To provide a forum to which faculty and students may refer questions and recommendations concerning UNTHSC research policies and to present these concerns to the research administrative units and Deans of the schools;
- To provide an informal linkage between the research office and the schools focusing on research-related views and concerns;
- To provide an ongoing assessment of current and future research directions;
- Advise on closing gaps in research expertise;
- Advise in the formulation, review and application of policy and guidelines for UNTHSC research and its funding from within and outside the health science center;
- Advise on questions concerning the compliance of research with UNTHSC policies;
- Advise in developing methods for informing UNTHSC members about research opportunities and for stimulating, evaluating and rewarding excellence in research;
- Coordinate collaborative activities throughout UNTHSC schools; and
- Solidify institutional research goals and recommend alignment of resources to support these goals.

The RAC will provide a communication vehicle and serve as a forum between the UNTHSC research community, the Associate Vice President for Research & Biotechnology, Technology Transfer, Research Grants Management and Accounting and the schools of UNTHSC, focusing on operational research practices and administrative issues and policies.

Meetings are held approximately monthly, minutes will be taken and action plans and recommendations will be formulated.