

## **1. Purpose**

The Academic Research Committee (ARC) serves as General Faculties Council's ("Council") primary advisory group on overall research and innovation goals of Athabasca University. The ARC focuses on strategic priorities affecting the university research community, while remaining agile and responsive to emerging trends, opportunities, and developments.

## **2. Membership**

The membership of the Academic Research Committee shall be:

- Chair, Associate Vice President, Research (or delegate)
- Five (5) Associate Deans Research (or equivalent), one (1) from each of the Faculty of Business, Faculty of Health Disciplines, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Faculty of Science and Technology
- Three (3) AU Tri-Agency Representatives: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Leaders Network, Canadian Institutes of Health Information (CIHR) University Delegate, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Leaders Network
- Four (4) full-time academic faculty members, one (1) elected by the full-time academic faculty members from each of the Faculty of Business, the Faculty of Health Disciplines, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Faculty of Science and Technology
- Research Office Representative (Director or Manager) (non-voting member)

## **3. Responsibilities**

The Academic Research Committee has the following powers and duties:

- 3.1 Advise and recommend to Council on research goals and innovation goals of the University.
- 3.2 Review and recommend academic research policies to Council.
- 3.3 Review research strategy and advise on institutional award program proposals.
- 3.4 Establish and oversee subcommittees for the distribution of research funds and grants, including the Academic Research Fund, Academic and Professional Development Fund, and Research and Study Leave Travel and Relocation Fund.
- 3.5 Establish subcommittees, task forces, or specialty focus groups to develop or deliver strategic priorities or initiatives.
- 3.6 Where the Chair of Academic Research Committee deems it necessary, a special meeting of the Committee shall be called to deal with urgent matters.

The Research Services Office shall act as the Secretary to Academic Research Committee. All minutes of the Academic Research Committee must be filed with the Office of the Chief Governance Officer and General Counsel.

**History**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
November 8, 2011	GFC approved
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