

Council of Associate Deans for Research

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1. What aspects of the charge to your council have provided the foci for your work and what specific goals have you been pursuing?

The Council of the Associate Deans (CAD) for Research is charged with aiding in the advancement of the research enterprise on the IUPUI campus. Specifically, the Council advises the Vice Chancellor for Research on issues that affect their school's research efforts. The Vice Chancellor in turn advises the Associate Deans on broad research issues, trends and efforts to meet the campus' research vision and mission. Together they assist each other in the advancement of the research enterprise on the IUPUI campus.

The council's primary foci for the year have been:

- Research Development
- Research Guidelines and Policies
- Research Programs and Services
- Research Communications and Interactions

In support of the given foci, council goals included:

- Development of New Research Vision and Mission
- Enhancements to Research Guidelines and Policies
- Review and Improvements to Research Programs and Services
- Expansion of Campus-Wide Research Communications and Interactions

2. How have you approached each of these goals, i.e., what activities have you pursued related to each goal?

A series of activities have been pursued in support of each of the given goals. The key activities for each goal include the following:

- Development of New Research Vision and Mission:
 - Defined new vision statement: *To be the best urban research university by conducting world-class research, scholarship, and creative activities that develop knowledge and contribute to the economic growth and social advancement of Indiana and the nation and benefit humanity as a whole.*
 - Defined new mission statement: *To develop and expand innovative research programs that align well with institutional mission and strategic plan, address important national and global needs, and through technology transfer and commercialization noticeably support the economic development of Indiana and the nation.*

- Enhancements to Research Guidelines and Policies:
 - Review, discussion, and enhancement of indirect cost recovery (ICR) distribution policy within schools, including ICR distribution to centers and institutes.
 - Review, discussion, and comparison of best practices among schools of research start-up support for new faculty.
 - Development of criteria and process for review of Signature Centers.
- Review and Improvements to Research Programs and Services
 - Review of the guidelines and enhancement to the Research Support Fund Grant (RSFG) internal funding mechanism.
 - Development of centralized mechanism for evaluation of proposals for IUPUI-wide one-applicant-only submission.
- Expansion of Campus-Wide Research Communications and Interactions
 - Planning and implementation of the first annual IUPUI Research Day, IUPUI's open house celebration of its cutting-edge and multifaceted research and scholarly activities, designed to provide an opportunity for the IUPUI faculty, staff, and students, and their academic, industrial, governmental partners, and the community enlarge, to come together and find out more about the research enterprise at IUPUI, explore new collaborations, and lay the foundation for new partnerships.
 - Revision of the Research Enterprise Newsletter through enhancement of its content to better serve its stakeholders.

3. With what other groups or individuals has your council engaged to pursue its goals and objectives?

The Council of Associate Deans for Research has engaged with groups and individuals in pursuit of its goals and objectives. These include:

- Dr. Uday Sukhatme, Executive Vice Chancellor, who discussed with CAD, at its October 2008 meeting, the Academic Plan and IUPUI's Research Mission.
- John Talbott, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research Administration, who has participated in some of the monthly CAD meetings, and has communicated about areas of mutual interest relating to research administration, including update on sponsored research services and compliance.
- The Research Affairs Committee (RAC) and the Council of Associate Deans for Research collaborated through a combined 6 member subcommittee (3 from RAC and 3 from CAD), in drafting a refinement to a section of the Intellectual Policy guidelines.
- Dr. Michael Wade, Chair of the Vice President for Research Search, who deliberated with CAD, at its March 2009 meeting, about the Vice President for Research search.