

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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University Research Committee

**University of North Alabama**  
**Florence, Alabama**

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IV. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?

As stated in section I, above, the primary focus this academic year by this committee was updating its charge to become relevant in the current climate of the university where no internal faculty research funding is available.

V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?

It was recommended and approved that a member of the Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment be added as a voting member of this committee. The Staff Senate will recommend the individual to be added.

VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish

A. In the coming year?

This committee will finalize its new charge language and begin to take action to uphold said charge. Also, this committee will look at changing its current composition to better represent the campus as a whole.

B. In future years?

In the future, when internal university funds (hopefully) become available to faculty researchers, this committee will work hand in hand with the Office of Sponsored Programs to distribute those funds to the most deserving recipients.

VII. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

As stated above, this committee is trying to remain relevant, but with no internal funding for research at this university, this committee is at a disadvantage. Also, this committee has discussed the need for equal representation by all colleges and both faculty and staff.

A. What can the Shared Governance Committee help you do to address the weaknesses?

With the addition of a staff member from OIRPA, some of the representation issues have been resolved, but there will be more membership changes proposed in the future.

VIII. Comments