

Research Environment Subcommittee (RESC)

Rationale. The Faculty Senate's Research Environment Subcommittee (RESC) serves to coordinate faculty efforts to grow and strengthen the research environment at Lehigh University and facilitates faculty involvement in coordinated efforts across Colleges and with Lehigh administration to continually enhance the research environment. Lehigh University is dedicated to excellence in teaching, research and service. The creation of new knowledge, translation of research to practice that brings positive changes, and deep engagement of students in the process of generating new knowledge are hallmarks of Lehigh University as a research university. A strong research environment is key to Lehigh's intellectual vibrancy, leadership in cutting edge research, and national and international reputation.

Charge. The RESC subcommittee considers the research environment at Lehigh University. Matters related to the research environment may be referred to RESC by its members or other Senators, by the Senate Executive Committee (EC), or by administration, faculty, students, or staff. These matters may be proactive to incorporate best practices for enhancing the research environment or responsive to university policy changes that may inadvertently affect Lehigh's research potential. RESC works closely with the Graduate and Research Committee (GRC) on issues related to the research environment. To that end, RESC may charge the GRC to work on specific issues related to supporting the research environment and RESC will facilitate bringing GRC initiatives and work to the Senate EC to be added to the Senate agenda. RESC may request information from the administration to clarify practices and policies that affect research environment.

Operation. RESC consults broadly with administrators and the Lehigh faculty at large, as well as those Senate and University committees concerned with areas relevant to the research environment, most particularly with the Graduate and Research Committee.

Membership. Core membership of the subcommittee consists of at least three members of the Faculty Senate. The Chair of RESC will be a Senator serving on the EC. The chair of GRC (or a delegate) serves as an ex officio member of RESC and a Senator from RESC (or a Senator delegate) serves as a ex officio member of GRC.

Outcomes. RESC will present items to the EC for placement on the Senate agenda. RESC may lead or support faculty or administrative proposals and resolutions that enhance Lehigh's research environment. A brief annual report on issues considered, and progress and suggestions toward identified goals for enhancing Lehigh's research environment will be generated.