
Change # 8 (Submitted by the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Council)

At its inception, the UGRC was something of an experiment with a relatively simple, vague mandate: to promote student research and host a yearly conference. The current Handbook description reflects this.

The Undergraduate and Graduate Research Council (UGRC) shall consist of seven faculty members (two from Liberal Arts, two from Science and Technology, two from Social Science and Professional Studies, and one from the School of Business) elected by the faculty of each area; two faculty members (not from the same area) appointed by the Provost; and the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies as a non-voting ex-officio member. The Council shall elect co-chairs from different areas of the University.

The Council:

- 1) reports to the Faculty Senate or the Provost, as appropriate;*
- 2) promotes independent and faculty mentored undergraduate and graduate research and scholarship throughout the University; and*
- 3) organizes and promotes conferences and/or colloquia featuring undergraduate and graduate research and scholarship.*

It is the belief of the Council that the UGRC has both fulfilled and grown beyond this original conceptualization and, thus, should be restructured to better tackle its current responsibilities and be more advantageously situated to grow into the future. The UGRC, in addition to hosting the continually growing Paideia Conference, which had over 170 participants last year, also engages in the following:

- Maintains the UGRC Website, intended to be a primary source to students for research information
- Publishes The Cupola, the online magazine for CNU student research
- Administers student research grants
- Seeks out funds for student research grants
- Investigates and institutes new mechanisms to promote student research

Therefore, the UGRC recommends to the Provost and the Faculty Senate that the following Handbook language and corresponding changes (highlighted) be adopted.

*The Undergraduate and Graduate Research Council (UGRC) shall consist of **the Director of Student Research, appointed by the Provost,** seven faculty members (two from Arts and Humanities, two from Science and Technology, two from Social Science, and one from the Luter College of Business and Leadership) elected by the faculty of each area; two faculty members (not from the same area) appointed by the Provost; and the Associate Provost for Academic Services as a non-voting ex-officio member.*

The Council:

- 1) reports to the Faculty Senate or the Provost, as appropriate;*
- 2) promotes independent and faculty mentored undergraduate and graduate research and*

scholarship throughout the University;

3) organizes and promotes conferences and/or colloquia featuring undergraduate and graduate research including Paideia, CNU's annual Student Research Conference;

4) publishes The Cupola online and maintains the UGRC website; and

5) administers UGRC Research Grants and assists students in procuring external research funding.