

R C S COUNCIL ALIGNMENT ERA



AY 2025-26 Scope of Work

Received 10 charges from the Faculty
Senate Executive Board

Organized 3 Subcommittees

1: Programs and Procedures

2: AI Impact

3: Policies Review

Research Screening

Workflow improvements

Subcommittee One

- Programs and Procedures
 - Outcomes:
 - Adopted new language for ORI website to clarify that faculty may only receive one of either the SFSA or the FRACAA
 - Adopted new procedures changing the order of the two internal competitions (SFSA/FRACAA); separating completely their applicant windows, review period, and decision dates; and aligning project timelines with university fiscal year

Subcommittee Two

- AI Impact
 - Outcomes:
 - Reviewed Faculty Senate AI Report
 - In process: gathering data from subcommittee and council members regarding full spectrum of research-specific issues (e.g, hallucinated citations in published journal articles)
 - Aiming for a report/recommendations later this term

Subcommittee Three

- Policies Review

- Outcomes:

- Thorough examination of all ORI policies
 - Crosswalk spreadsheet created, noting policies with MOAs, MOAs without policies, and policies without MOAs
 - In process: gathering perspectives on best course(s) of action to bring alignment and coherence to this array



Annual business

- Research Screening:
 - SFSA review period closed 2/4/26
 - FRACAA application period closes 2/9/26
- Staying informed regarding federal actions impacting research
- New workspaces in Teams for subcommittees & agenda committee, to reduce email and multiple single files of important documentation.

Thank you!

- ORI Staff
 - Faculty Senate Ex Officio DeFulio
 - Colleagues on council
 - Andre Venter (prior chair, current screening chair)

