

# University Committee on Research

2017-2018 Academic Year

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<b>James McNew, Chair</b>	Department of BioSciences
<b>Cymene Howe</b>	Department of Anthropology; Center for the
<b>Jeffrey Kripal</b>	Department of Religion
<b>Milivoje Lukic</b>	Department of Mathematics
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<b>Steve Murdock</b>	Department of Sociology
<b>Peter Nordlander</b>	Department of Physics and Astronomy
<b>Rob Raphael</b>	Department of Bioengineering
<b>Eduardo Salas</b>	Department of Psychology
<b>Stan Sazykin</b>	Department of Physics and Astronomy
<b>Elora Shehabuddin</b>	Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and
<b>Rafael Verduzco</b>	Department of Chemical and Biomolecular
<b>Ron Witte</b>	School of Architecture
<b>Anthea Zhang</b>	Jones Graduate School of Business
<b>Logan Bishop</b>	Non-voting graduate student representative

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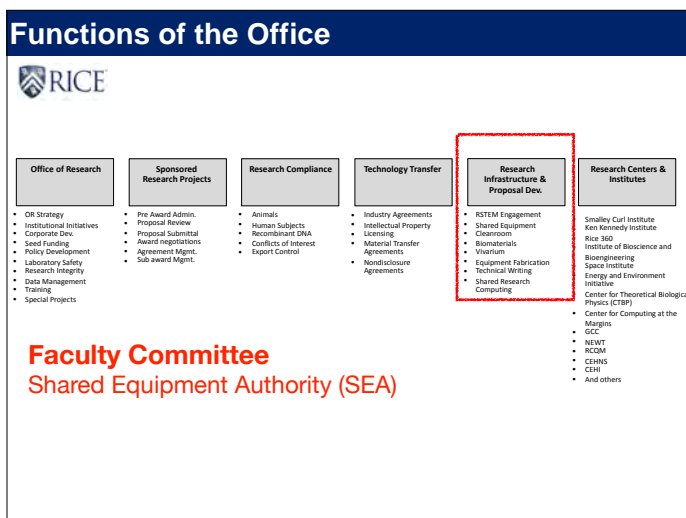
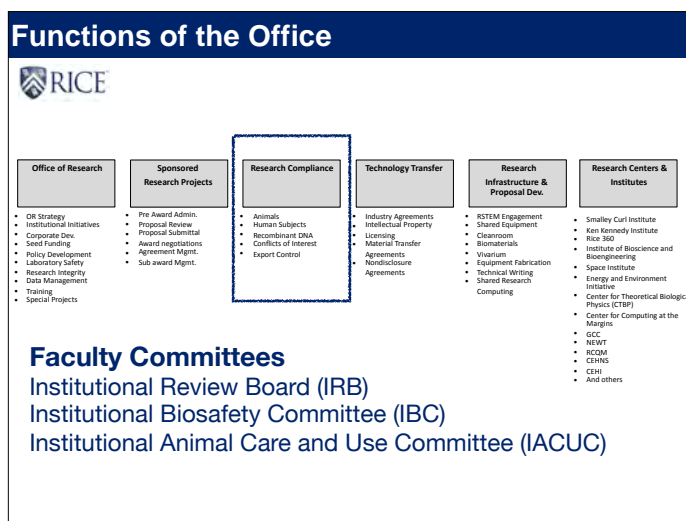
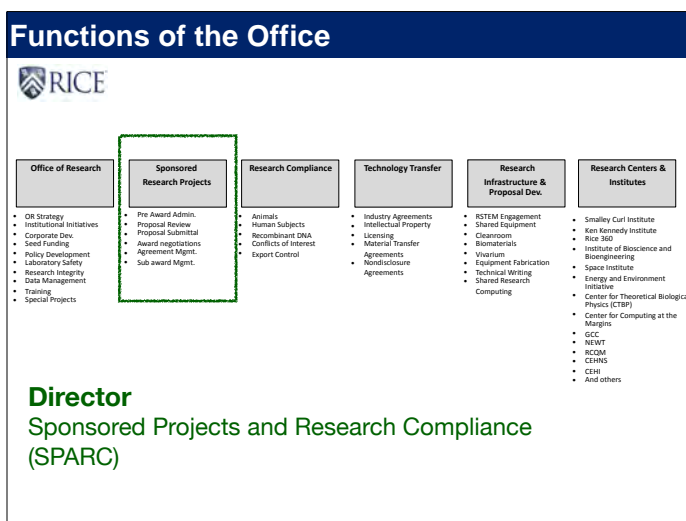
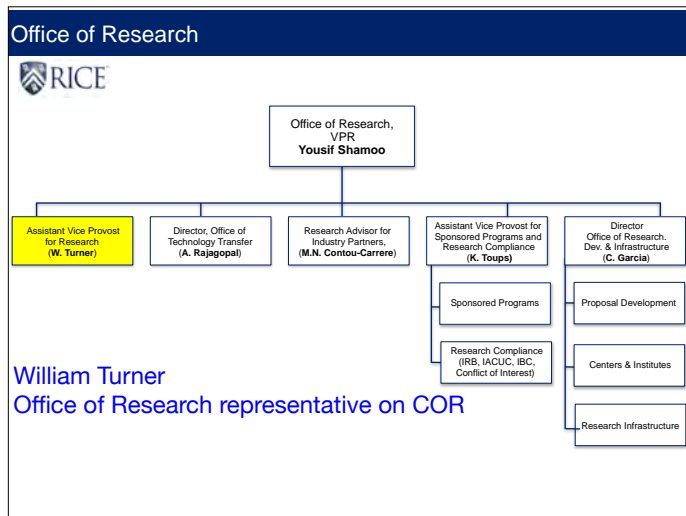
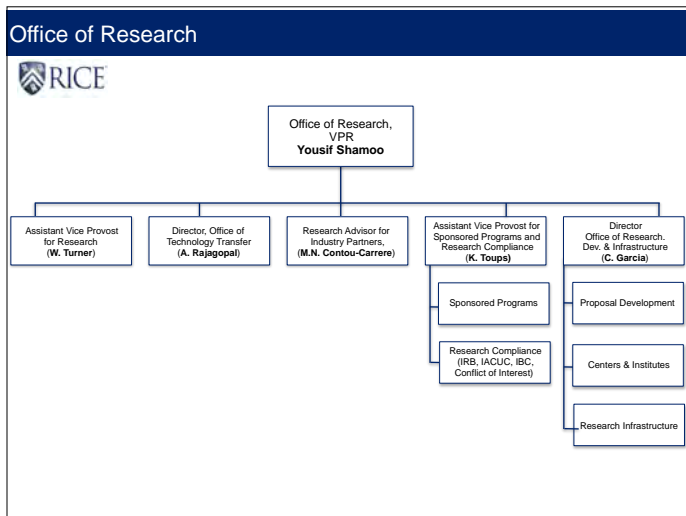
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## Policy Issues

- Revisions of Policy 326-Human Research Protection Program
  - Approved
- Rice Participation in the Texas Data Repository
  - Presentation by Lisa Spiro, Executive Director of Digital Scholarship Services
  - Committee voted no objection to joining, but noted weak faculty support.

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### Role of the Faculty Senate in Committees that report directly to the Office of Research

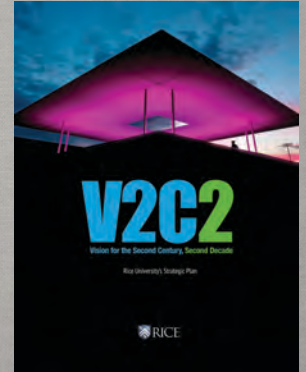
- Most of the faculty committees that report to the OR have no conduit to the faculty senate
- We wanted to hear from committee chairs to learn how the COR could provide access to the broader faculty through the Senate
- Likely outcome will be to propose that these committee chairs become ex officio members of the COR

## Invited Speakers

- Krystal Toups
  - Director, Sponsored Projects and Research Compliance
- John Cornwell
  - Chair, Institutional Review Board
- Dan Wagner
  - Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
- Ed Nikonowicz
  - Chair, Institutional Biosafety Committee
- Yousif Shamoo
  - Vice Provost for Research
- Scheduled for 4/20/18
  - Lisa Biswal, Chair, Shared Equipment Authority

## University Committee on Research 2018-2019 Academic Year

- Evaluate strategies for implementing research goals of the V2C2
  - Meet with stakeholder to generate ideas and strategies for implementation
  - Work with the Office of Research to develop a plans to execute strategy initiatives



## V2C2 priorities that could be impacted by the University Committee on Research

### **Invest in Faculty to Achieve Preeminence.**

We will foster faculty innovation and accomplishment in education, research and artistic endeavors, and make additional investments in targeted areas to reach the highest levels of achievement and recognition.

### **Elevate Research Achievement and Reputation.**

We will elevate our research accomplishment to the highest level to advance human knowledge and creativity, and make vital contributions to the betterment of our world.

## Preliminary Strategy for V2C2 implementations

- Develop a suite of initiatives to make Rice an extraordinarily attractive option for faculty candidates
- Develop incentives for current Faculty to expand and enrich their research and scholarship

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- Potential initiatives to make Rice a more attractive place to do research
  - Streamline PI compliance issues with a user-friendly web interface
  - Improve research accounting support and post-award grants management
  - Improve pre-award grant submission and administration processes
  - Improve purchasing and purchasing management support
  - Improve infrastructure support for instrumentation

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- Potential methods to expand and enrich current research
  - Incentivize current faculty
  - Fractional indirect cost returns directly to PIs for research awards
  - Matching university funds for research awards from new agencies
  - Incentivize new grant submissions
  - Improved institutional support for graduate education