



### Resolution Policy

	Action Item
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**Date:** May 21, 2019

**RE:** Senate Resolution: 190521-3

Resolution to Create an Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Research at Rowan University

The University's research profile has increased dramatically over the last few years, as is evident in our rapid ascent to an R2 Carnegie classification. Faculty have voiced both excitement and concern about the increased importance of research, especially in Promotion and in Tenure & Recontracting, so it's crucial that we develop an effective strategy to determine what resources will be necessary to allow faculty to succeed.

Toward that end, the Senate will create an Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Research at Rowan University. The Committee will start from an expansive definition of research that includes (for example) creative and entrepreneurial activities, as well as more traditional scholarship. The Committee will issue a report that makes recommendations about teaching load, sabbaticals, course releases, external and internal funding, and any other issues that may arise. The Committee will also assess how a strategic move toward a R1 could benefit and/or detract from the Four Pillars of the university, as well as our primary commitment to undergraduate education.

The committee will be co-chaired by one Dean and one faculty member. It will include:

One faculty representative from each school and college, including CMSRU and SOM.

One librarian.

Two professional staff members.

One AFT representative. Representatives from both the Faculty Center and Division of Research.

The committee will issue its report by June 30, 2020.

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