



Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships Committee Charter

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Purpose of Committee

The Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships Committee is a standing committee of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees established to consider and provide strategic guidance and oversight regarding matters pertaining to: (1) the research enterprise; (2) corporate partnerships; (3) innovation and technology commercialization; (4) entrepreneurship and university-enabled startups; and (5) relevant policies.

Committee Authority and Responsibilities

In furtherance of its purpose set forth above, the committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

- Provide strategic oversight and guidance on the sustainable growth of research and creative expression, corporate partnerships, technology commercialization, as well as entrepreneurial activities.
- Support the advancement of The Ohio State University to be among Top 10 public research universities in terms of annual research and development expenditures.
- Support strategic hiring, retention and planning of faculty and/or staff researchers to increase the university's research and innovation capacity and capability while maximizing societal impact.
- Support policies and programs to incentivize faculty participation in large-scale, interdisciplinary research, industry-sponsored research, technology commercialization and entrepreneurial activities.
- Provide strategic oversight and guidance to make The Ohio State University a national leader in diversity, equity and inclusion across the research and innovation enterprise.
- Provide strategic guidance and oversight, in conjunction with other board committees, for the overall plan and development of the university's Innovation District.
- Review and evaluate the effectiveness of the research and innovation enterprise including but not limited to annual research and development expenditures, scholarly activities such as publications and creative expression, outcomes of technology commercialization, startup activities and corporate partnerships.
- Provide strategic guidance and oversight on large-scale ventures and contracts that require Board of Trustees' review or approval.

Committee Meetings

The committee generally shall meet in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meetings of the full University Board of Trustees and at such other times and places as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities. A majority of the voting members of the committee shall be present in person at any meeting of the committee in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such meeting.

Committee Membership

All members of the committee, as well as the committee chair and vice chair, shall be appointed by the chair of the board. The chair and vice chair of the committee shall be trustees or charter trustees. Trustees, student trustees, charter trustees and non-trustee committee members shall all be voting members of the committee.

The committee shall consist of trustees appointed to the committee, including at least one student trustee, up to one member of the university faculty, and up to two additional non-trustee members,

with majority membership by trustees at all times. Each member of the committee shall serve for such term or terms as the chair of the board may determine or until his or her earlier resignation, removal or death.

Staff and Other Support

Primary staff support for the committee shall be provided by the Office of Research, Innovation and Knowledge Enterprise. Further, the committee shall obtain advice and assistance as needed from internal or external experts in science, engineering, technology, medicine, policy, law, finance, facility, research compliance, enterprise risk, intellectual property, venture capital, startups, business development, etc.

University Bylaws

The provisions of this charter are intended to comport with the bylaws of the university. To the extent that these provisions conflict, the university bylaws shall control.