

RP 12.206 - Establishment and Review of Organized Research Units

Language under 12.206 III.A was updated to reflect that an Organized Research Unit (ORU) can be established at the level of a school or college (Level 5) or at the departmental level (Level 4) and that ORUs receive institutional support in the form of general funds programmed for research (UOH-102).

Original language: The board approves extra-departmental administrative structures, commonly referred to as organized research units (“ORU”). ORU provides a locus for faculty, staff and students to engage in focused, collaborative research and training activities. They are expected to generate significant grant and contract funding.

Proposed language: The Board of Regents (“Board”) approves extra-departmental administrative structures, commonly referred to as organized research units (“ORU”). ORU provide a locus for faculty, staff and students to engage in focused, collaborative research and training activities. Organized research units may exist at the level of a School or college (Level V) or Department (Level IV). They are supported in part by the Organized Research Budget (UOH-102) and ORU are expected to generate significant grant and contract funding.

Language under 12.206 III.B was updated to reflect that review and recommendation of proposed ORU would be conducted by relevant campus administrators. The current language might imply that high level fiscal administrators, often referred to as administrative officers at the University, would be involved as opposed to members of the respective chancellor’s office. In conjunction with the revision in 12.206 III.C, it reflects the approach that the establishment and review process for ORU should be in Executive Policies (EPs) and Administrative Policies (APs) and that the RP should focus on affirming the Board role in approving establishment or discontinuation of ORU once the required vetting processes have been completed at the campus and system levels.

Original language: The president shall establish procedures for review of proposed ORU, including review and recommendations by the relevant campus faculty senate and administrative officers.

Proposed language: The President shall establish rules and procedures for the establishment, review, and removal of ORU, including requirements for review and recommendations by the relevant campus faculty senate and administrators.

Language under 12.206 III.C was revised and sections D and E were removed to be consistent with the approach that the EPs and APs should cover the process and the RP should affirm the Board role in approvals.

Original language: Once established, an organized research unit will be reviewed periodically at intervals of seven years or less, according to procedures established by the president.

Proposed language: ORU may not be formally established or discontinued until (1) review, as prescribed by the President, has been completed; (2) the President makes a recommendation to the Board; and (3) the Board has given its approval.