University Research Committee

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The University Research Committee aids the Vice President for Research on research-related issues and helps to identify emerging areas and opportunities for the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

The Committee purpose is to serve as a direct two-way communication channel that faculty and administration can use to convey issues and receive information about research-related concerns. The specific responsibilities of the Committee are:

- Encourage and support the intellectual and research interests of the faculty and students;
- Provide a forum to discuss research-related issues at Mines;
- Promote a multi-disciplinary research at Mines;
- Serve as departmental and research center liaison to inform faculty and students on the availability of support for research and professional development;
- Advise on research, sponsored programs and economic development policies that govern administration of externally funded research;
- Assist the Vice President for Research in development of policies and procedures regarding research, intellectual property, patents, licensing and commercialization.
- Assist the Vice President for Research in a review process of internal white papers and proposals;
- Assist the Vice President for Research in organization of research symposia and selection of recipients for research awards.

Membership

The University Research Committee consists of members representing research-active departments and research centers, the Associate Vice President for Research, and the Vice President for Research as the chair of the committee.

- Phil Ahrenkiel (Nanoscience and Nanoengineering Program)
- Purushotham Tukkaraja (Mining Engineering and Management Department)
- Kyle Caudle (Mathematics and Computer Science Department)
- Randy Hoover (Computer Science and Engineering)
- Venkata Gadhamshetty (Civil and Environmental Engineering Department):
- Jon Kellar (Materials and Metallurgical Engineering Department and Security Printing and Anti-Counterfeiting Technology Center)
- Lisa Kunza (Physics Department/Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences Program)
- Gokce Ustunisik (Geology and Geological Engineering Department)
- Todd Menkhaus (on sabbatical 20-21) Rajesh Shende will be the replacement. (Chemical and Biological Engineering Department)
- Saurav Kumar Dubey (Industrial Engineering Department)
- Ralph Davis, Chair (Office of Research Affairs)
- David Salem (Composite and Nanocomposite Advanced Manufacturing Center)
- Frank Strieder (Physics Department)
- Khosro Shahbazi (Mechanical Engineering Department)
- Joseph Wright (Research Affairs)
- Long Zhao (Electrical Engineering)
- Alevtina Smirnova (Chemistry and Applied Biological Sciences Department)
- Grant Crawford (AMP and AMPTECH)

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