The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) values the opinions and relies on the knowledge of faculty in its mission to support UConn’s research community. In order to maintain close contact and open lines of communication with faculty, the OVPR has established several advisory committees to ensure that research-related initiatives best meet the needs of UConn’s faculty. These committees include:

**Research Advisory Council (RAC)**
The RAC is a faculty body that serves in an advisory capacity to the OVPR in order to promote, support, and enhance the research and creative endeavors of all faculty at the University. The RAC is composed of faculty from each of the schools and colleges, with members appointed by their respective deans.

**Health Center Research Advisory Council (HCRAC)**
HCRAC advises the OVPR on the development, management, and disposition of UConn Health’s central research resources and intramural grants programs.

**Research Deans Council (RDC)**
The RDC serves in an advisory capacity to the OVPR. In its capacity, the Council assists the OVPR in establishing research priorities, identifying problems/obstacles to research growth and success, recommending policies and procedures, and facilitating cross-college/school initiatives. Membership is composed of Associate Deans for Research from all schools/colleges.

**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)**
The IACUC reviews UConn’s program for the humane care and use of animals in research and teaching. Members come from within and beyond the University, have diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise, and are appointed by the Vice President for Research.