



THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Research Resources Oversight Committee Charter

Mission Statement

The Research Resources Oversight Committee (RROC) of the Biological Sciences Division (BSD) serves as an advisory body, which in partnership with the Office of Shared Research Facilities (OSRF) establishes a policy framework for the operation of core facilities, reviews and prioritizes acquisition of major scientific equipment for the division, and provides scientific expertise and strategic planning for institutional research resources.

Membership Roles

RROC is made up of BSD faculty with diverse areas of scientific expertise. Representation should include Cancer Center members as well as representatives from other centers that support core facilities, Core Faculty Directors, the Associate Dean for Basic Science, and the Associate Dean for Research Resources. The RROC Chair should serve as a member of the Dean's Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) and be an official liaison to the Chicago Biomedical Consortium (CBC). RROC meetings are attended by OSRF and Dean's Office staff on an as needed basis.

Duties of Committee

Duties of RROC fall into two major categories:

- I. General oversight of administration and finances of the BSD core facilities.
 - a. Regular review of individual cores including activity of their Faculty Oversight Committees (FOC)
 - b. Review of core finances including fee and billing structure and resource allocation
- II. Strategic planning for BSD core facilities and other institutional research resources.
 - a. Review of major equipment purchases in the division including but not limited to, annual capital requests, recruitment and retention offers, and shared instrumentation grants.
 - b. Plan future scope of technology on campus and in coordination with services offered through CBC institutions
 - c. Advocate for core facilities to the division when new issues arise or new investment is needed
 - d. Serve as liaisons between faculty and core staff to communicate needs and opportunities