Current Standing Rule

The Research Council establishes policies for matters pertaining to sponsored research activities. It promotes, stimulates, and facilitates research activity, disseminating information about availability of grant funds and procedures for applying. It assigns priorities for distribution of various internal funding programs and for external solicitations that require limited submissions from the institution. The Council consists of nine Faculty members and five alternate Faculty members who are selected from throughout the University. The Administrator of the Research Office, or designee, shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Council. The Chair shall be a Faculty member with immediate prior experience on the Council, appointed annually by the Executive Committee. In the event that a Council member is a principal investigator or co-investigator of a proposal to be reviewed by the Council, the chair shall replace the Council member with an alternate and the alternate will then participate in the review of all the proposals being considered for the particular funding opportunity.

Let's look at it sentence by sentence:

Sentence #1: The Research Council establishes policies for matters pertaining to sponsored research activities.

Action: No change (We do this)

Sentence #2: It promotes, stimulates, and facilitates research activity, disseminating information about availability of grant funds and procedures for applying.

Action: Delete? – We don't do any of this. All this is done by the research office.

Sentence #3: It assigns priorities for distribution of various internal funding programs and for external solicitations that require limited submissions from the institution.

Action: No change (We do all this)

Add a new sentence here because we do this:

The Research Council also reviews proposals for the establishment, continuation and dissolution of Centers, Institutes, and Research Programs (CIPs) that are administered by the OSU Research Office, and is advisory to the Vice President for Research on these matters.

Sentence #4: The Council consists of nine Faculty members and five alternate Faculty members who are selected from throughout the University.

Action: Since we don't differentiate between regular members and alternate members, I suggest we modify this sentence as.
The council consists of eleven Faculty members, preferably one from each of the eleven colleges.

Sentences #5 & #6: The Administrator of the Research Office, or designee, shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Council. The Chair shall be a Faculty member with immediate prior experience on the Council, appointed annually by the Executive Committee.

Action: No change

Sentence #7: In the event that a Council member is a principal investigator or co-investigator of a proposal to be reviewed by the Council, the chair shall replace the Council member with an alternate and the alternate will then participate in the review of all the proposals being considered for the particular funding opportunity.

Action: Change it to refer to the COI agreement as: The membership of the Research Council will adhere to a comprehensive conflict of interest agreement, through which members are required to recuse themselves from proposal review in the event of a potential conflict of interest as defined by the agreement.

The Proposed Standing Rule would look like:

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