

Commission on Research 2023-2024 Members

CHARGE: To study, formulate, and recommend to the Faculty Senate policies and procedures concerning research and research faculty. Areas for consideration include sponsored programs, core programs and interdisciplinary research; intellectual property; animal care and human subjects; indirect costs and returned overhead; research facilities, centers and institutes, and library resources; and liaison with affiliated corporations and institutes.

Chair elected by the Faculty Senate

Carla Finkelstein	Chair	2024
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Ex Officio

Daniel Sui	Senior Vice President and Research and Innovation Officer	ex officio
Randy Heflin	Research and Innovation Senior Associate Vice President	ex officio
David Raymond	Interim Associate Vice President for Research Computing	ex officio

One representative from the Office of the Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs

Donald Hempson	Outreach and International Affairs	2024
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One department- or division-level administrative representative appointed by the President

Ella Atkins	Aerospace and Ocean Engineering	2025
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One representative of research-related interdisciplinary programs, groups, or centers appointed by the President

Benjamin Knapp	Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology	2025
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One dean selected by Council of College Deans

Kevin Pitts	Science	2024
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One faculty representative from each of the university's thematic research institutes appointed by the respective institute director

Albert Pan	Fralin Biomedical Research Institute	2026
Elizabeth White	Virginia Tech Transportation Institute	2024
Alexandra Poetter	Virginia Tech National Security Institute	2024

One faculty representative of the university's research investment institutes appointed by the respective institute directors, collectively

Barry Miller	ICTAS	2025
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One faculty senator elected by the Faculty Senate

Scott Case	Civil Engineering	2026
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Faculty representatives from each of the academic colleges elected by the faculty in each of the colleges

Daniel Pauly	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2026
Rolf Mueller	Engineering	2025
Ryan Stewart	Agriculture and Life Sciences	2025
Corinne Noirot	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2026
Cindy Devers	Business	2025
Quinn Thomas	Natural Resources and Environment	2026
Lijuan Yuan	Veterinary Medicine	2024
Ronald Gibbons	Architecture, Arts, and Design	2024
Sheryl Ball	Science	2024

One representative from the Library Faculty Association elected by Library Faculty Association

Jonathan Petters	University Libraries	2025
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One non-ex officio A/P faculty representative elected by the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

Leanna Blevins	Fralin Biomedical Research Institute	2025
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One representative in the Postdoctoral Associate rank elected by persons in that rank*

Elizabeth McLain	School of Performing Arts	2026
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Two representatives working in research faculty appointments as defined in the Virginia Tech Faculty Handbook (excluding Postdoctoral Associates) elected by persons in those ranks*

Chris Headley	Electronics Systems Lab, Hume Center	2024
Luke Neurauter	VTTI – Vehicle Driver & Occupant Interfaces	2024

One staff senator elected by Staff Senate

Eric Newton	Scholarly Integrity and Research Compliance	2025
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Two graduate and professional student senators elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Amanda Wolfe	Public Health	2024
Didar Islam	Economics Agriculture	2024

One undergraduate student senator elected by the Undergraduate Student Senate

Sarah Greger	Political Science	2024
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***The nomination and election process for these positions will be conducted by the Office of Research, which will report election results to the secretary of university council.**