

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Date Due: September 30, 2010**

*RESEARCH COMMITTEE*

**University of North Alabama**  
**Florence, Alabama**

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# **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA**

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### **I. Executive Summary**

The Research Committee was inactive during the 2009-10 academic year owing to the complete absence of funds allocated to the committee to be dispersed as research grants. No other issues pertaining to the committee's charge arose.

### **II. The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)**

1. To serve as an advisory committee on the University's research function and related issues
2. To serve as a screening board, recommending action for University released time and non-released time research grants (not including those grants given through individual college research committees)
3. To gather information on the University's research efforts and related issues, and assess University performance in these areas in light of the information obtained
- 4 To propose changes in University policies, procedures, and practices on research and related issues
5. Handle all proposals affecting University policy according to section C.2 "Shared Governance Procedure for Policy Change Recommendations"

### **III. The Committee met on the following dates:**

No meetings were held.

### **IV. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?**

The committee took no actions this year owing to the absence of allocated funds and the fact that no other issues pertaining to the committee's charge arose.

### **V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?**

The committee had no formal recommendations this year.

### **VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish**

- A. In the coming year?

The committee will allocate research funds to faculty depending on the availability of funds in the forthcoming fiscal year.

B. In future years?

The committee will allocate research funds to faculty depending on the availability of funds in future years.

VII. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

The principal weakness is lack of funding.

A. What can the Shared Governance Committee help you do to address the weaknesses?

Promote a research environment at UNA and encourage the university to allocate funds, when available, to faculty for research.

VIII. Comments.