

**Council on Research  
Purpose and Operating Guidelines**

**I. Purpose**

1. The Council on Research (CoR) is one of the operational councils of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). Its function is to provide both formal and informal forums for: 1. the discussion of issues, 2. the dissemination of information, and 3. the assessment and development of policies that pertain to academic research and graduate education relevant to the member institutions.

**II. Operating Guidelines**

1. The Council consists of the Chief Research Officers, their associates, and Graduate Deans of the APLU member institutions. The Council meets twice a year, once during the APLU Annual Meeting and once during the summer.
2. The election of officers, representative to the APLU Board of Directors and Executive Committee members takes place at the business meeting of the Council during the annual APLU meeting. The chair-elect automatically becomes the chair at the following annual meeting.
3. The activities of CoR are overseen by an Executive Committee consisting of up to 21 members. The members of the Executive Committee are elected up to seven at a time (a class) and serve three-year terms. The Chair of the Executive Committee serves for a two-year term and, during that term, serves as the Representative to the APLU Board of Directors. If the Chair is unable to attend the Board meetings, she/he may designate an alternate from within the Executive Committee.
4. The chair of the Executive Committee will appoint a nominating subcommittee of the Executive Committee to select the candidates for the various Council positions. Vacancies arising between annual meetings will be filled by the Executive Committee upon recommendation from the nominating subcommittee.
5. The Council conducts its business with the assistance of CoR representatives to appropriate APLU Councils and Commissions. The representatives are appointed by the Council Chair and Executive Committee and serve for two-year terms.
6. The Council Executive Committee usually meets three times a year: at the annual meeting, during the Summer Forum of the Council, and a "winter" meeting early in the calendar year. Representatives to the APLU Councils and Commissions are invited to participate in these meetings. It is not necessary for the representatives to other APLU Councils and Commissions to be a member of the executive committee, but they are invited to participate in these meetings.

7. With the Executive Committee, the chair is responsible for the program for the Summer Forum. The chair-elect is traditionally the program chair for the annual meeting program.
8. Each council and commission representative has the following basic charge:
  1. keep council members informed about matters pertaining to the council or commission's assigned area;
  2. foster the exchange of information and expertise about these matters, especially by program content for the council meetings;
  3. work through their council or commission and with CoR to monitor governmental activities, develop action plans, and develop resolutions as appropriate.
9. Each member institution may appoint up to two affiliates who would be invited to attend the annual meeting and the summer meeting and receive appropriate communication addressed to CoR members. Affiliates would not be eligible to serve on the executive committee or vote at the business meetings.

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