

## **Bylaws**

### **Academy of Distinguished Researchers (ADR) University of Texas at San Antonio**

#### Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Academy of Distinguished Researchers (ADR)

#### Article II. Purpose and Objectives

- A. Mission: To foster and promote excellence in research, discovery and training at UTSA.
- B. Vision: To advance and sustain UTSA as a premier research university.
- C. Values: Research excellence, integrity, diversity, collaboration, creativity, ingenuity

#### Article III. Membership

- A. Membership in the ADR
  - a. Members of the ADR shall be elected by a vote of at least two-thirds of the active ADR membership present during an annual ADR meeting called to review nominations.
  - b. Candidates for membership shall be nominated by the Dean of the College in which the candidate holds a primary faculty appointment or by the Vice President for Research (VPR).
  - c. Election to membership shall be based on consideration of the following criteria among others:
    - i. Achievement of the rank of full professor and recognized senior standing in the relevant field of research.
    - ii. Publication record in peer-reviewed high quality and leading scientific journals
    - iii. Citation counts in high quality and leading academic journals
    - iv. Recognized works, performances, exhibitions, presentations
    - v. Sustained research support
    - vi. Inventions and/or patents
    - vii. Path-breaking academic research books and monographs
    - viii. Other recognition(s) of research excellence
  - d. New members shall be inducted once per year – normally in the fall.
  - e. New members shall be honored by receipt of a plaque to be bestowed at the annual ADR membership induction luncheon along with a cash prize of \$1,000.
  - f. ADR membership shall not exceed 2% of the overall faculty.

- g. Active membership shall continue for the duration of a member's active faculty appointment at UTSA unless otherwise modified by a vote of at least two-thirds of the active ADR membership.
  - h. Upon cessation of an active faculty appointment at UTSA an active ADR member can be elected to emeritus status by a vote of at least two-thirds of the active ADR membership.
  - i. Members may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the VPR.
  - j. A delegate of the VPR shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the ADR.
- B. Responsibilities of membership
- a. To provide institutional leadership and guidance toward excellence in research at UTSA.
  - b. To provide mentorship in research to junior or new faculty.
  - c. To promote institutional activities, initiatives or resources that:
    - i. Enhance research capabilities or infrastructure at UTSA.
    - ii. Advance training of future researchers at UTSA.
    - iii. Elevate faculty, student or public interest in research activities at UTSA.
  - d. To advise and assist the University administration in matters that impact research potential, capabilities or training.
  - e. To attend ADR meetings and participate in ADR initiatives and activities including election of new members to the ADR.
- C. Categories of membership
- a. Active
  - b. Emeritus

#### Article IV. Governance of the ADR

- A. The ADR shall have a Chair
- a. The Chair shall be elected by a vote of at least two-thirds of the active ADR membership.
  - b. The term of the Chair position shall be three years with the potential for re-election for another term.
  - c. The Chair shall call and preside over meetings of the entire ADR or the Executive Committee.
  - d. The Chair shall be responsible for establishing ad hoc committees or task forces as needed.
  - e. The Chair may appoint an assistant Chair to fill in during any absence of the Chair or to assist the Chair as needed.
  - f. The Chair may resign prior to the end of the elected term by submitting a letter of resignation to the VPR.
  - g. In the event of a vacancy in the position of the Chair, a new Chair shall be elected by a vote of at least two-thirds of the active ADR membership as soon as possible.

- B. The ADR shall have an Executive Committee made up of the ADR Chair and three other active members of the ADR.
  - a. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to membership on the Executive Committee by a vote of at least two-thirds of the active ADR membership.
  - b. The term of membership on the Executive Committee shall be one year with the potential for re-election for one or more additional terms.
  - c. The Executive Committee will assist the Chair with initial vetting of any matters arising or with representation of the ADR to the Administration.

#### Article V. Meetings of the ADR

- A. The full active membership of the ADR shall meet at least once per year to review nominations and elect new active ADR members – normally in the spring.
- B. The Chair may call additional meetings of the full active membership as needed.
- C. The Chair may also call meetings of the Executive Committee as needed.
- D. Active ADR members are expected to participate in all ADR meetings to the greatest extent possible.

#### Article VI. Validation of the bylaws

The initial bylaws shall become effective upon approval by a vote of at least two-thirds of the active ADR membership.

#### Article VII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the active ADR membership.