

## RESEARCH LABORATORY SPACE PRACTICES

Research laboratory space (both wet and dry) is a high-value asset for UNLV that needs to be assessed, allocated and reallocated in a reasonable and objective manner in order to support the University Strategic Research Objectives. UNLV needs to assess, allocate and reallocate UNLV research laboratory space resources to the research activities that are most productive and advance the University's mission in the most effective manner. For this reason, a Research Space Committee is established to evaluate interdisciplinary space usage, including, but not limited to, the Science and Engineering Building (SEB), Harry Reid Center (HRC), and the Animal Care Facility. These three spaces are under the control of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development (VPRED). Other research spaces located within college buildings are considered to be under the control of the Dean. The Dean is expected to use these spaces effectively and efficiently due to limited research space.

Space managed by the VPRED is reviewed quarterly, or as deemed necessary, by the Research Space Committee. Space allocation recommendations are based primarily on research expenditures, although other factors that may be considered include: publications in prestigious, peer-reviewed journals; successful mentoring of graduate students; research citations; and patents. Based on the Research Space Committee's recommendations, the VPRED will make space decisions and share them with the appropriate dean(s) and the Office of Space Management. It is the dean's responsibility to notify affected faculty and discuss alternative research space options within their division. The overall needs of the campus will take priority over the individual needs of the units.

### Committee Composition – voting members

1. Dean of the College of Engineering or designee
2. Dean of the College of Sciences or designee
3. A faculty representative from the College of Engineering who does not occupy space in these facilities
4. A faculty representative from the College of Sciences who does not occupy space in these facilities
5. Associate Vice President for Research or designee
6. Executive Vice President and Provost/Space Management Representative
7. Other deans or faculty representatives as deemed appropriate by the VPRED.

Non-voting members include the SEB, HRC and Animal Care Facility managers. They are invited to provide background information and data for decision-making.

### Meetings

The Office of the VPRED will schedule meetings and provide data in advance related to research expenditures.