

The JPL Senior Research Scientists Council

Terms of Reference and Rules of Governance

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I. Introduction

Most faculty at universities have some type of board or council, which represents the interests of the faculty to the administration and undertakes studies and activities of importance to the faculty. This memo establishes such a council for the JPL Senior Research Scientists.

II. Initial Concept

- The JPL SRS Council will consist of 9 members.
- The Council will be elected by the Senior Research Scientists. A Chair will be elected by the Council.
- Council members will serve for 3 years. The Chair will serve for 1 year.
- Meetings of the Council will generally be open, but the Council may arrange executive sessions as appropriate.
- Generally, the Council will meet at least quarterly. The Chief Scientist and Chief Technologist will generally attend the meetings as representatives of JPL Management. The Laboratory Director will also be invited to attend.

III. Terms of Reference

- The JPL SRS Council will be self-governing, once formed
- The Council will advise the Chief Scientist on matters relating to the Senior Research Scientist Program
- The Council will act as an advocacy body for the health of research at JPL
- The Council may undertake studies as appropriate on matters relating to research at JPL
- The Council may request modest support for its activities from the Chief Scientist's Office