

**Board of Trustees
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Establishment of Service Centers**

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Service Centers

What are they?

- Independently run units containing instruments and/or expertise that charge researchers for access/use
 - Intended to be self-supporting; may not generate a profit
 - User fees cannot be used outside the Center
- Anticipated initial Service Centers
 - COE: instrumentation in NSF ERC RMB
 - SAES: instrumentation at Kannapolis
 - High Performance Computing campus resources



Service Centers

What is the benefit to A&T?

- Make resources more uniformly available to researchers on campus
 - Charging for use = capture funds for equipment maintenance, which isn't supported by federal grants
- Facilitate easier collaboration with and outreach to academic and commercial partners
 - Third parties need access to specialty equipment, but "sponsored research" is not a proper fit



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Who is responsible?

- Institutional Oversight
 - Division of Research and Economic Development
 - Assist drafting Request: accounting plan + roles/responsibilities
 - Approve + provide administrative (accounting) support
 - Regular reviews (every 6 months for 2 years, then annually)
 - Rate schedules + accounting practices consistent with Federal OMB 2 C.F.R. Part 200
 - Discontinuation
 - Office of Internal Auditing
- Operational Oversight (day to day management)
 - A&T unit providing financial sponsorship (Dept. or College)
 - Running experiments, maintaining instruments, operating protocols, business reporting, etc.



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Approval Process

- Distributed to Deans for review
- Posted to Legal Affairs' website for faculty + staff comment
- Approved by Chancellor and Cabinet
- **Next Step: Notification to BOT**



QUESTIONS