University Senate Research Committee Meeting
6 December 2017
1:00 PM
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In Attendance: J. Barone, E. Chasens, M. Goodhart, R. Guido, G. Huber, R. Melhem, S. Sant, P. Smolinski, N. Spice, M. Spring, J. Woodward.

The minutes were of the November meeting were approved.

P. Smolinski stated that he and P. Morel had lunch with Senior Vice-Chancellor (Sr.V.C.) Rutenbar. The Sr.V.C. conveyed his interest in the Committee's work and is hoping that his calendar allows him to attend more meetings in the future. He also stated his support for community-based research and other activities.

P. Smolinski mentioned that in the future the Committee should identify the needs of faculty working in non-sponsored research and come up with a "wish list" of support functions needed. M. Goodhart stated that this should include faculty involved in scholarly activities in addition to those doing research.

J. Woodward stated that there is consideration being given to changing the name of the Office of Research to something like the "Office of Sponsored Research" to better reflect the function of the office.

J. Woodward also stated that module 1 of the Peris system has been rolled out. Electronic proposal submissions have been processed and the system is going well. Other modules will be introduced in the future.

G. Huber stated that the Common Rule applies to many aspects of research conduct and compliance and introduced R. Guido, Chair of the Institution Review Board, to discuss the Common Rule and potential changes.

M. Guido said that many changes have been proposed for the Common Rule with a starting date of 18 January 2018. So far there has been indication of any changes to this schedule. He passed out notes on key changes to the Common Rule (attached) and proceeded to discuss the notes. He mentioned that a single IRB review is planned to be implemented in 2020 and that this poses special difficulties. In the January 2018 changes, biospecimens will now fall under the category of human subjects and informed consent requirements will be expanded.

It was stated that now all consent and results for NIH and FDA studies must be posted on clinicaltrials.gov.

G. Huber stated that obtaining human consent is difficult and there is no perfect method. The aim of the Office of Research Conduct and Compliance is to be educational and informative rather than regulatory in this regard.

There was a discussion about publicizing the changes to the Common Rule in the University Times and there was general support for this.

J. Barone started discussing the Exemptions section in the notes and completed Exemption 3 which is new. There was a general discussion on the examples provide for Exemption 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Patrick Smolinski