

University Senate Research Committee Meeting  
3 February 2017  
1:00 PM  
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In Attendance: K. Barlow, E. Chasens, A. DeArdo, K. Erickson, K. Fike, G. Huber P. Morel, S. Sant, P. Smolinski, N. Spice, M. Spring and J. Tebbets and L. Terhorst

P. Smolinski stated that the minutes from the January meeting were sent out to the committee members requesting comments and no comments were received.

G. Huber gave an overview of the status of various policies. The Research Integrity policy was approved by Council of Deans unanimously and has gone to the Chancellor for approval. The Council of Deans endorsed the Organizational Conflict of Interest (OCI) policy. Minor comments on COI policy and IP policy highlights were given at the Council of Deans meeting.

It was stated that the Committee had made some comments on the the COI and IP policies and highlights and that these should be reviewed by the Committee. Since the COI and IP policies have not yet been approved by the research committee or presented to the Faculty Assembly it was recommended to G. Huber that the latest versions of these policies be provided to the committee prior to the March meeting so that these could be discussed and voted on.

It was stated that the visitor's policy is still being revised and the committee has not been given the revisions.

P. Smolinski stated that Vice Chancellor Dostilio has been contacted and has agreed to attend the April meeting to discuss community based research.

Professor A. DeArdo was introduced. He related his experiences with the development and intellectual property of lead-free steel. Three patents were awarded to the University for the technologies and a group of industrial sponsors compensated the University for legal fees for the patents. Because of this, one of the sponsors requested and was granted rights for the patents.

S. Sant mentioned that her husband received a research grant from an industrial sponsor. As a result of the research the sponsor gained access to the potential intellectual property.

Both of these discussions highlighted some problems with the Office of Technology Transfer, including a lack of guidance with dealing with industrial sponsor and in some cases a reluctance to pursue intellectual property rights.

G. Huber stated that perhaps Mark Malandro should be invited to a future meeting to comment on research interactions with industry.

Action Item: Mark Malandro will be contacted to see if he can attend a future meeting.

M. Spring stated that it would be beneficial if candidates for the position of Senior Vice Chancellor for Research could meet with a faculty group when visiting campus.

Action Item: P. Smolinski stated that this sentiment will be passed along to Dean Cooper Chair of the search committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Smolinski and Penny Morel