

University Senate Research Committee Meeting

19 May 2017

1:00 PM

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In Attendance: E. Chasens, K. Fike, G. Huber, R. Melhem, P. Morel, M. Redfern, P. Smolinski and J. Tebbets

M. Redfern stated that the Intellectual Property (IP) and Conflict of Interest (COI) Policies are still under review in the Chancellor's office. At present IP and COI issues are being dealt with on a case by case basis and are utilizing the new policies. If new policies are approved during the summer it was requested that these be sent to Research Committee members for review and comment. The visitor's process depends on the IP policy and must wait until it is finalized. The new Organizational Conflict of Interest Policy is in place.

It was suggested that the new Senior Vice-Chancellor for Research be contacted to attend a Committee meeting in the fall term.

Action Item: The Senior Vice-Chancellor for Research will be contacted by the committee chairs.

P. Smolinski stated that there are still issues to be considered with regard to community based research. M. Redfern suggested that the Committee should develop a vision statement related to the needs of community based researchers. He also stated that further debate may be needed on the differences between community based research and community based service.

Action Item: The topic of community based research will be taken up in the next academic year and a document will be drafted by the committee.

M. Redfern stated that work continues in the Office of Research on an electronic grants administration system.

G. Huber commented that the Research Conduct and Compliance Office had to respond to a complaint related to the treatment of animals. The animal research facility was subject to a USDA inspection and the facility was found to be in full compliance with Animal Welfare Act and USDA regulations.

G. Huber mentioned that there are changes forthcoming to the common rule for obtaining of consent for the use of tissue. The new regulations will be going into effect January 2018. He mentioned that three people had given a well-received presentation on this topic to the University Research Council. M. Redfern concurred that this was a very valuable presentation. He suggested that the Committee invite these same people to discuss this topic at a fall term meeting.

Action Item: G. Huber will be asked to invite these three individuals in the fall term to discuss changes to the common rule.

P. Morel asked about election for the Committee Chair position. P. Smolinski suggested that the elections be held in the fall.

Action Item: An election will be held in the fall term for the position of Committee Chair.

R. Melhem brought up that the methods for effort reporting and certification and the allocation of summer salary are not clear. M. Redfern suggested contacting Jennifer Woodward to determine the appropriate person to discuss these topics.

Action Item: J. Woodward will be contacted to determine a person to discuss effort reporting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Minutes submitted by P. Smolinski and P. Morel.