

University Senate Research Committee Meeting
25 September 2015
1:00 – 3:00 PM
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In Attendance: E. Chasens, M. Goodhart, G. Huber, L. Matsumura, R. Melhem, P. Morel, P. Smolinski, M. Spring, A. Vieira

The minutes of the August 2015 meeting were and approved unanimously.

Action Item: The minutes will be submitted to Lori Molinaro.

There was a discussion of the attendance of a University Times reporter at the Committee meetings. There was general agreement that University Times coverage is desirable. The reporter can be excused if the meeting goes into executive session to discuss confidential information.

Action Item: P. Smolinski will contact Kimberly Barlow of the University Times to invite her to the next meeting.

Discussion concerning the issues relating to commercialization was continued and the question was raised as to what the next steps of the committee should be. The question was posed, what is research? There was a general discussion and it was concluded that the definition of research is broad and includes both funded and unfunded research. M. Goodhart stated that research principles or guidelines are needed to make judgments on individual research issues, and it was remarked that, at our last meeting M. Redfern had suggested that there was a draft set of guidelines with the Chancellor. M. Spring suggested that M. Redfern be contacted to see if a copy of the draft of the principles for research can be obtained and circulated to the Committee.

Action Item: P. Smolinski will contact M. Redfern to see if the draft of the principles for research can be obtained.

G. Huber stated the M. Redfern has three committees related to developing principles for research: 1) conflict of interest, 2) patents and 3) copyrights. The committees have faculty surveys planned and the conflict of interest committee will contact frequent users for input. P. Morel asked how to structure interactions with M. Redfern's committees? M. Spring asked if the membership of the committees has been made public and if not can M. Redfern be contacted to see if they may be made available. P. Morel stated that M. Redfern had sent her the membership of these committees following a request by the faculty in her Department. She can make these available to the research committee, if M. Redfern agrees.

Action Item: P. Smolinski will contact M. Redfern to see if the membership of these committees has been released. This contact has been made and the Committee membership has been attached in Appendix I.

M. Spring stated that intellectual property developed through research sponsored by the federal government is governed by the Bayh-Dole Act. He stated that the Act has some complex issues.

There was a discussion about the format of the Committee meetings and the items for discussion at future meetings. It was decided that each meeting should start with brief reports from M. Redfern and G. Huber. M. Spring suggested that we invite various individuals to address the committee on research-related issues including Dennis Curran, Jennifer Woodward, Alan DiPalma and Rebecca Bagley. Jennifer Woodward, Rebecca Bagley and Allen DiPalma could discuss Office of Research operations, industrial relations and export control, respectively. Since J. Woodward and A. DiPalma report to M. Redfern the request should go through him.

An email was sent to the Committee requesting information on why the IRB committee requires an internal school review for projects prior to IRB consideration. The internal review is taking a significant amount of time for a study that may be IRB exempt. A general discussion ensued on IRB process and the need for an internal review prior to an IRB review. Rather than changing IRB process, the committee concluded that it would be simpler to try to make sure internal reviews are done in a timely manner.

Action Item: The committee will contact the faculty member to see if the internal review can be expedited.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Patrick Smolinski

Minutes approved by: Penny Morel

Appendix I

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