**Committee on Misconduct in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities**

Date: April 10th, 2024

**Members Present:** Gregory Plett, Jon Caudill (Chair), Rhonda Glazier, Douglas Risser; Robert Hirschfeld; Rachel Thayer

**Members Absent:** Patrick McGuire; Helen Graham;

**Also Present:** Jessi L. Smith (Research Integrity Officer), Lindsay Coppa (Recorder)

**Meeting Started at 2:30 pm**

* Welcome
* Committee Membership & Leadership Discussion
  + Nomination to appoint Jon Caudill as the Chair of CMRSCA effective in Fall 2024.
    - Motion: Greg Plett
    - Second: Rhonda Glazier
    - Approved: unanimously
* Review & Discussion of the Committee’s Purpose
  + From CMRSCA Bylaws:
    - The *Committee on Misconduct in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities* (“CMRSCA”) is a standing committee of the Faculty Assembly and is responsible for inquiries and investigations of allegations of research misconduct. The basic responsibilities of the CMRSCA are to promote exemplary ethical standards of research conduct, to receive allegations of misconduct, to ensure thorough, fair and expeditious proceedings for the evaluation of allegations, and to recommend possible disciplinary action, policy changes or other actions to remedy the misconduct and to prevent similar misconduct in the future.
  + Discussion on other ways to promote positive research practices.
    - Advocacy for research activities across the university.
    - “Sponsor” / endorse events that are related to quality research practice.
    - Let everyone know that CMRSCA / RIO are out there
* Save the Date for the RCR Mini Conference on August 19th from 1-5pm
  + We do have an RCR Teams page that has short 10hr webinars.
    - [RCR Workshops | General | Microsoft Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3A7c2e87a1d57a4ded823beeb8f82ebf74%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=03f2f4f1-9ce9-4631-bdcb-8dd0aef19d08&tenantId=529343fa-e8c8-419f-ab2e-a70c10038810)
* Plagiarism Checks
  + The Graduate School has implemented a change, based on CMRSCA recommendations, to their Dissertation/Thesis Defense form that requires all chairs to confirm that they have reviewed the work in a plagiarism checker.

**Meeting concluded at 2:58 pm**