



Committee on Misconduct in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities

10/29/15 Minutes

Members Present: Jacqueline Berning, Mary Beth Chambers, Dale Deboer, Al Ramirez, George Woodward

Members Absent: Mark McConkie (sabbatical), Sudhanshu Semwal

Others Present: Kelli Klebe (RIO), Ali LaForce (Executive Assistant), Jennifer George (UCCS legal counsel), and Tia Luber (UCCS legal counsel)

- Kelli Klebe presented the committee with proposed changes to the current *Guidelines and Procedures for Research Misconduct Allegations*. The committee approved these changes.
 - Approved changes will update the procedures to align with the regents' APS 1007 which states that retaliation against a complainant, witness, or committee member involved in a research misconduct case is considered research misconduct. And will provide basic procedures for handling retaliation.
 - Additional future changes include:
 - Adding/revising term definitions to create greater clarity.
 - The committee raised concerns about allegations that may be made with malicious intent and suggests that determining whether an allegation was made in good faith be an explicit part of the inquiry committee responsibilities.
 - Another recommended addition was a statement that those involved in an allegation are required to cooperate with the procedures for investigating allegations.
 - Discussed intentionality it was determined that the current procedures allowed for a wide range of motivations (intentional, knowingly, and recklessness) but that additional definitions were needed in the procedures.
- Next steps:
 - Make approved changes to include retaliation so as to be aligned with Regents' APS.
 - Make additional revisions and send to CMRSCA members for review.
 - After CMRSCA review, send to Legal Counsel, Faculty Assembly and EPUS.