

Senate Council on Research and Scholarship
September 18, 2007
9-11 AM
346 Reitz Union
Minutes

Attendees:

Ken Boote
Peter Hansen
Saeed Khan
Scott Nygren
Ryan O'mara
William Buhi
William Properzio
Henry Frierson

Guests:

Rick Yost
Gloria Tavern
Barry Ache
Charles Courtney
Dianne Farb
Mary Brown
Donn Dennis
Nick Gravenstein

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM.

The March 5 and May 30, 2007 minutes were approved.

Chair's Comments

Saeed Khan, *Chair*

(Reports from meetings of the Senate Steering Comm and Research Policy Comm)

Comprehensive Look at Compliance

Tom Walsh discussed compliance and what the university is doing towards achieving better compliance. The university needs to be compliant without being restrictive. A focus group of faculty familiar with various compliance topics presented their views on the current state of compliance. The focus group members and their topics were:

Nick Gravenstein	Institutional Review Board (IRB)
Charlie Courtney	Institutional Animal Care Committee (IACUC)
Bill Buhi	IACUC (Bill is IACUC Chair and SCoRS member)
Donn Dennis	Conflict of Interest
Barry Ache	Scientific Misconduct
Mary Brown	Export Control

The presenters identified some of the regulations that force attention to compliance. The regulations and their interpretation by multiple regulating agencies are constantly changing, making it difficult for the faculty to know what is required. They observed that it is difficult to find an efficient and effective way to get the information to the faculty in a way that they will read and understand.

Some solutions they proposed included the following:

- Hire more mid level staff persons to take some of the responsibility off of the end user.
- More training can be done at the administration and department level.
- Web tutorials should be created where an investigator answers a series of questions to determine which forms need to be completed for a particular research project.
- The online training would also provide documentation that an investigator was informed of the various rules and regulations.
- College level administrators should minimize creating additional compliance paperwork beyond what is required by regulation.

Each member of the focus group will submit a one page summary of the issues they presented and their suggestions for meeting the compliance standards while minimizing burden on the investigators.

Saeed Khan will work with Tom Walsh to create a document outlining all of the issues and present the document to the Council for recommendation of actionable suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM