Committee on Misconduct in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities

4/20/15 Minutes

Members Present: Mary Beth Chambers, Dale Deboer, Mark McConkie, Al Ramirez
Members Absent: Sudhanshu Semwal, Jacqueline Berning, George Woodward
Also Present: Kelli Klebe (RIO) and Ali LaForce (Executive Assistant)

- No pending or active misconduct cases this year.
- In addition to allegations and investigations, this committee is supposed to suggest Educational activities.
- Current Education/Training Available
  - Export Controls
    - Online
    - Departmental/College in person trainings
  - Sponsored Programs
    - Direct charging to sponsored programs (online)
    - Electronic Personnel Effort Reporting (online)
    - Subrecipient monitoring (online)
    - Individual meetings with new PIs
    - PI requiring approval for being a PI
  - Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI; online)
    - Human Subjects
    - IRB Reviewer
    - Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
    - Animal Care
    - Conflict of Interest
  - Copyright
    - Carla Myers (library) does face-to-face copyright training
- Discussion about Further Educational Needs
  - There is some question about data used for Ph.D. dissertations and whether that data belongs to the student or the advisor.
  - Efforts to supplement existing training should be targeted based on what is relevant to the different programs, as well as some overall contextual training.
    - Consider if it is possible to supplement the appropriate topics in research methods courses for students.
    - The graduate school can offer targeted trainings for graduate students, such as best practices for choosing and interacting with a mentor.
    - It may be helpful to put a research ethics FAQs page on the research website which students/faculty can use as a reference.
    - Department chairs would be the best contacts for distributing resources and asking discipline-specific questions about further education efforts.
  - Overall, the current education/training seems to be effective. There are few problems and no specific trends. The committee feels the current training is sufficient.