



Faculty Senate

Research Council

Agenda for meeting of November 30, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting:

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of *October 26, 2020*
4. Recognition of Guests
5. Announcements
6. Conflict of Interest
7. Election of a New Chair
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment



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Minutes for meeting of October 26, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order at 4:07 pm.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of *September 28, 2020*
 - a) Chris: Motion to approve minutes
 - b) Vicky: Second
 - c) Minutes from previous meeting approved
4. Recognition of Guests – No guests
5. Announcements – No announcements
6. Revision of Regulatory Affairs Document
 - a) No updates. We have to expand explanation about why we are making changes to document. To justify why we are proposing changes to the resolution (something like “Whereas...”)
7. Scientific Conferences at UCF
 - a) Luca Argenti sent question: should organization of conferences be managed through office of research or division of continuing education? Logistics, refreshments etc.
 - b) Debopam: depending on the focus of the conference (education or research related). But it only matters if there are funds associated with it.
 - c) Liz: question probably matters because of the fees that continuing education charges. Offers to explore whether conferences can be run through Office of Research.
 - d) R. Croes: perception that the fee charged is too high.
 - e) Chris Emrich: Maybe this is not a topic for this committee to tackle.
8. Conflict of Interest
 - a) All feedback went back to Joe Harrington.
 - b) Revision of policy: some things cannot be changed by law (e.g., if you do something against the interests of the institution, you will be suspended without pay).
 - c) Why can't we look at the other SUS COI form, and look for uniform forms? For instance, UF. Natalie, Debopam agree about adopting/adapting the UF form.
 - d) Chris mentions he has the forms from FSU and FAU.
 - e) Natalie: Joe gave her 3 tasks that need to be done:



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- i) The purview of what is conflict of interest needs to be circumscribed. UF has a list of examples of what might be acceptable to do and not be a COI.
- ii) Some data might be already in UCF's system, so no need to duplicate efforts.
- iii) Education/training on what is COI needs to be developed.
- f) Liz: Office of research should be in charge of this, and have it be more faculty-driven. UF's process is out of the office of research. The Council needs to be more assertive about this.
- g) Yongho Sohn: What does Steering Committee of faculty senate say about this? It could be something for them to discuss directly with university leadership. Is this form something driven from top down?
- h) Debopam: agrees that steering committee needs to bring it up with president/provost.
- i) Sevil: should faculty be represented by legal counsel about this?
- j) Liz: maybe UFF can be consulted.
- k) Natalie: put a pause on revising. Create a resolution that office of research should be in charge of this process. Then pass it on Joe Harrington.
- l) Is everything going to be supervised by compliance office?
- m) Yongho: the way to go should be to put together a taskforce that would revise the form based on UF's form and materials.
- n) Liz: Council needs to be decided how process should be handled. Then pass on this proposal to the steering committee.
- o) Natalie: we should form a task force and bring in stakeholders from other areas.
- p) Liz: encourages us to take up the UF spirit for clarity and specificity about what needs to be disclosed and not.
- q) Natalie: asking for volunteers for taskforce, to examine the documents from other SUS to see what can be adopted.
- r) Two points emerge:
- s) (1) Debopam suggests that everyone looks at the documents from 3 other SUS (UF, FSU, FAU) and then see which one we should adopt.
- t) (2) Jennifer Kent-Walsh. Office of Research needs to take oversight of COI. Particularly because Faculty Excellence encourages certain activities that the COI policy declares a COI. UF and other SUS's have this responsibility assigned to office of research.
- u) Debopam/Yongho agree with those two points. University administrators do not understand what faculty activities are.
- v) The two points above need to be brought up to the steering committee, then discuss informally with president/provost, before formulating a resolution.
- w) Natalie will raise this issue with Joe Harrington.
- x) Timeline: needs to be done quickly but no exact timeline.
- y) Liz: Should we borrow somebody else's form for the short term?
- z) Debopam: Believes using UF form is best in the short term, as a quick fix.
- aa) Natalie Underberg will develop an answer to Joe Harrington reflecting above discussion.

9. Other Business

- a) Liz: Plagiarism related to thesis/dissertation. Should it go to academic integrity or to research misconduct?



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- b) Chris Emrich: if this is part of a degree program, it should be academic integrity. Use Identicate.
- c) Matt: what happens if plagiarism is discovered after student graduates?
- d) All agree with this being under academics.
- e) Liz will communicate to Graduate Programs.

10. Adjournment at 5:07 p.m.

- a) Darlin: motion to adjourn
- b) Shawn Burke: second