MINUTES OF MEETING DATE:  Sep 26, 2012

REGULAR MEMBERS (_X_ IN ATTENDANCE):
George Bailey _X_, Charles Boklage _X_, Nelson Cooper _X_, Edson Justiniano _X_,
Marianne Montgomery _X_, Andrew Morehead _X_, Catherine Rigsby _O_, Marianna Walker _X_

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (_X_ IN ATTENDANCE):
Sheila Bunch, Chancellor’s Rep _O_, Marilyn Sheerer, Provost & VCAA _O_, Phyllis Horns, VCHS _X_,
Ron Mitchelson, VCRGS _X_, Mark Sprague, Faculty Chair _X_, Cheryl McFadden, Fac Sen Rep _X_

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Ingalls, Donna Payne, Lori Lee

PERSON PRESIDING: Prof Walker - called meeting to order at 3:05

ACTIONS OF MEETING

New Business brought by Prof Sprague: editorial Revision to Faculty Manual, Part II, Section II, subsection XII Agenda of the Faculty Senate, concerning the inclusion of the elected Faculty Assembly officers. The text as previously approved included an error in terminology. Faculty Assembly “delegates” were included, which terminology omits the elected chair of the Faculty Assembly, who is no longer considered a “delegate” while occupying the Chair. Moved, seconded and unanimously approved to consider this an editorial correction and report it as such to the Faculty Senate

Agenda Item: 1. Approval of Minutes from 9/12/12.

Discussion and Action: Moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve minutes of 9/12 meeting as submitted

Agenda Item 2.
Review and approval of Interim Regulation (for formal faculty advice) - 10.45.02 – (See attached) Promoting Objectivity in Research funded under Public Health Service Grants or Cooperative Agreements or Contracts

Discussion and Action:
Questioned last sentence in 2.1 “The primary function of a COI committee will be to develop a management plan specific to the situation under investigation.” This is incorrect: moved seconded and approved to strike that sentence.

At several places in the document, the investigator involved in an action under this regulation is called the “respondent”. Moved, seconded and approved to change each instance of “respondent” to “investigator.

All other amendments from regulation as previously discussed were approved for forwarding to Faculty Senate and Chancellor, to be left as marked changes for those purposes.

Agenda Item 3.
Revisions to Faculty Manual Part VII, Section III (Research Conduct)
(Interim Regulation 06.19.12 – This regulation has been reformatted for the Faculty Manual). Discussion to update this “regulation” and to include both ethics and conduct for all forms of scholarship, including creative activity.

Attachments –
  a. Former Faculty Manual Section (Part VII) on Research Misconduct approved by Chancellor in March, 2012
  b. Current Interim Regulation 06.19.12
  c. Reformatted Faculty Manual Section (Part VII, Section III) with language from the interim regulation (06.19.121)

Discussion and Action:

Our concern is that existing language (in Interim Regulation 06.19.12, as reformatted by Prof Walker to look more like a Faculty Manual entry) while well designed to cover misbehavior in “research” as commonly understood to mean (funded) ‘scientific’ research, is at best inadequate when labeled to include all scholarly ‘creative activities’. The aim of FGC here is to build a new Faculty Manual entry to specify faculty expectations in all matters of academic integrity for all faculty engaged in scholarly pursuits of research and/or creative activities of any and every kind.

A vigorous multidimensional discussion led to the suggestion that the Walker ‘FM-style’ version of the Interim Regulation will serve as template/skeleton/armature for the new document (its contents are required by federal funding agencies).

Subcommittee of McFadden, Cooper & Boklage will begin the attempt to incorporate concepts from the former faculty manual Part VII components and identify insufficiencies, with the intention to present no later than 2nd October meeting.

Next Meeting: Oct 10, 2012
To be discussed: ‘Appendix D’ changes/transitions approved but not yet executed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45