

Research Policy Committee

September 27, 2019

2:30-4:00 pm

Fleming Regents Room

Chaired by Dr. Francine Dolins

Members present: Francine Dolins, Jessie Lee, Yi-Su Chen, Nicholas Harris, Nicholas Ernst, Ashley Kalinski, Irene St. Charles, Nocona Sanders

Guest(s): MaryJo Banasik (faculty senate), Debbie Talley (ORSP), Craig Reynolds (ORSP)

Absent: Francois Beaufay, Jacob Carlson, William Close, Natalie Colabianchi, Marisa Conte, Mimi Dalaly, Kate Eaton, Hafiz Malik, Annalisa Manera, Jairam Menon, Teri Rosales, Priti Shah

I. Review of minutes from April 2019

- No comments from attendees
- Minutes approved; email to follow for attendance from that meeting

II. Article shared with the committee regarding foreign influence on research

- Witze, A. (2019). Trump's top scientist outlines plan to reduce foreign influence on US research. *Nature*. Doi:#10.1038/d41586-019-02787-y

III. First topic: Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) – Dr. Craig Reynolds

- "Risk Owners" allowed to make decisions at their level, which would normally require escalation
- Guidelines should be more neutrally stated, to allow acceptance and rejection of risk
- Requesting feedback from the committee
 - i. *Question:* Francine – should the risk be overseen by one office?
 1. *Response:* Decisions are made locally, but an oversight and support and tools are available to help individuals at the unit level to make decisions.
 - ii. *Discussion:* how should adverse events be handled? How does the risk management group get involved with supporting the plan?

1. *Response:* The risk management office could provide tools, consulting, but not necessarily decision making. The office will focus on high risk areas.
 - iii. *Question:* Francine – regarding decision makers; how are they supported as they take on additional responsibility?
 1. *Response:* Above his pay grade, but there would certainly be added responsibility to good decision making.
 - iv. *Question:* Irene – how does this overlap with already existing hospital risk management?
 1. *Response:* this is more of an institutional oversight approach.
- IV. **2nd Topic: Federal Concerns and Guidance Regarding International Research – Dr. Craig Reynolds**
- Emphasize the importance of U of M partnering with global partners.
 - *Question:* Ashley Kalinski – will this impact post-doc exchange programs?
 - i. *Response:* unlikely, because the plan for those programs is often included in the grant submission/approval.
 - Even though NIH is making things difficult, we must remember the importance and success of the programs in which foreign collaboration is occurring. These are not problems, these are successes that we must work to properly report and manage.
 - Protecting UMs research data and intellectual property
- V. **3rd Topic: ORSP, Director of Sponsored Programs - Debbie Talley**
- Searching for faculty volunteers to trial the Faculty Research Admin website (FaDoRA)
 - i. In place of training, the website provides resources for faculty to access
 - Debbie: asking the committee for any pressing concerns in the area of financial management.
 - i. No concerns brought up by the committee
 - *Question:* Nick H. – when concerns are brought up, what are the proper channels to convey those concerns?
 - i. *Response:* Contact their research administrator and there is a customer service representative within ORSP.
- VI. **Open the agenda for questions of Debbie and/or Craig**
- No questions from the committee
 - Both left the meeting at 3:42 pm
- VII. **Discussion for topics of final two meetings**
- Ashley – suggestion for post-doc presentation; survey results from publication

- i. Francine – ask for names of supporters and share publication or documentation
- Nick H. – what topics would Dr. Cunningham like us to review?
 - i. Francine – Dr. Cunningham is mostly interested in hearing what our committee is interested in talking to her about.
- MaryJo – Reach out to the senate assembly members to see what their interests are.
 - i. Faculty Senate Assembly Website for roster – 74 members
 1. Francine will email the group and ask for topics or give opportunities to present at the final meeting

VIII. **Announcements**

- Francine and Nick H. met with Jack Hu last May
 - i. He was pleased with our proactive approach in writing letters of support
- IRBMED has received funding and has increased their staffing
- Jake Carlson may have an ask from our group and will be presenting in the near future. To date, additional funding has not been allocated.
- MReports – now using voice control... ChatBot
 - i. Asking people to help give insight into the system
(Its.data.chetbot@umich.edu)
- Chair Committee Meeting yesterday (26-SEP-2019)
 - i. Question for the committee... academic freedom; does the IRB restrict academic freedom?
 - ii. Perhaps RPC can put together a statement regarding this concern and the IRBMED role.

IX. **Call for other business (4:03)**

- No response

X. **Meeting adjourned: 4:04**