

## Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Minutes of Meeting: 4-9-24

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Present: Yulia Sevryugina (Chair), David Cooper, Nathan Qi, Vaibhav Khanna, Jessica Durkin (OVPR), Jesse Capecelatro, Quentin Stout, Orsolya Lautner-Csorba, Heather O'Malley, Suresh Madathilparambil

Absent: Marilia Cascalho, Claudia Figueroa-Romero, Tyler Nix, Derek Peterson, Mrinal Sarkar, Mohamad Tiba

Guests: Dr. Jacqueline Jeruss, Associate Vice President for Research Integrity and Compliance

Faculty Senate Office: Eric Vandenberghe

**2:01pm-2:07pm:** Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Minutes, Announcements

The agenda was approved. The minutes for the March RAC meeting were approved. The Chair announced that Jessica Durkin would be going to the University of Minnesota to be Rebecca Cunningham's Chief of Staff. The chair offered a preview of the May committee meeting, and asked the committee members to reflect on the year of work, and think of goals for next year's committee.

**2:07pm-2:30pm: Research Integrity and Compliance at University of Michigan**

Summary: The guest was introduced and provided an overview of the Office for Research Integrity and Compliance. Plagiarism is discussed, with some examples provided. There is a difference between sloppy and unintentional plagiarism versus intentional plagiarism.

AI and plagiarism are discussed. This is an emerging issue that requires a dynamic response.

The office can adjudicate issues of plagiarism. There are initial investigations, and there can be panel reviews if the situation requires it. The office also adjudicates conflict of interest issues.

Another aspect of the office is export controls. Exports are directly associated with potential issues regarding keeping technologies secured. The office's role is to protect and support members of the University.

For more information on this office, visit <https://research-compliance.umich.edu/research-integrity>

Action: Presentation



**2:30pm-2:50pm: Committee Questions/Discussion**

Summary: A question is asked about PhD workshops on plagiarism. A point is made that there is a need to update these learning sessions to adequately reflect the ever-evolving nature of academic integrity involving emerging technology. Of particular interest is AI.

Self-plagiarism is discussed by the Chair and she discussed her research on this matter. This is identified as a major problem. There is a great pressure to publish, and the more that one publishes, the greater the possibility to self-plagiarize. Best practices to combat this are shared.

A discussion regarding conflicting regulatory rules between two funding agencies is discussed, with examples shared. This is not uncommon, and the Office for Research Integrity and Compliance often has to work with the two offices to ensure the University remains in compliance.

A discussion about export control ensues, with examples of how this can be violated.

Action: Discussion

**2:50pm-2:55pm: Additional discussion on plagiarism**

Summary: A question is brought up on what to do about plagiarism among students and how to address this issue. A recommendation is made by the Chair is more education on the matter. Following the meeting, the Chair offered the following resources on this matter:

“Canvas modules can be added to your courses and LibGuides can be part of your syllabus resources.

- 1) [LibGuide on Science Ethics](#)
- 2) [International office on Academic Integrity](#)
- 3) Canvas module [U-M Library DIY Module: Academic Integrity & Plagiarism](#) (may need to additionally use tag umichlib)
- 4) Canvas module [U.S. Copyright Basics](#) (may need to additionally use tag umichlib)
- 5) LibGuide [Introduction to Academic Integrity](#)
- 6) Library Guide for International Students and Scholars - [What is plagiarism?](#)
- 7) LibGuide on [Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship \(RCRS\)](#)
- 8) [Copyright Services](#) at the Library”

Action: Discussion

**2:55pm: Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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