

Faculty Senate Resolution

Faculty-Led Task Force on Research Protection Programs

Whereas, in recent uses and applications, Procedure 6350 (Managing Conflict of Interests) is insufficient in protecting faculty rights relevant to research data misconduct, integrity, and ethics and does not provide the necessary guidance to navigate multiple aspects of research integrity, misconduct, compliance, and conflicts of interest,

Whereas, as a result of significant shortcomings, of the current Procedure 6350 and a lack of timely action by the Office of Academic Affairs necessitated a temporary working procedure created by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for handling non-compliance,

Whereas, in a recent case of confirmed ethical misconduct by a faculty member, a Conflict-of-Interest Committee (COIC) per Procedure 6350 was convened, deliberated, and made recommendations,

Whereas, the procedure was limited in scope to allow for appropriate handling by the Office of Academic Affairs

Whereas, the Faculty Senate recognizes the critical nature of a comprehensive set of procedures to protect research data, research subjects, unethical use of research data, managing conflict of interest, and imposing sanctions in case of unauthorized use and/or access of research data through an extensive and thorough deliberation process involving all relevant stakeholders, now, therefore, be it

Resolved that (#1), a **Task Force on Research Protection Programs** (TFRPP) be formed including membership from all relevant stakeholders including the incoming Executive Director of ORSP, IRB, Institutional Animal Care, and Use Committee (IACUC) Biosafety Committee, Office of General Counsel, Office of Provost, Center of Teaching and Learning Design (CTLD), Union representative, at least one faculty from each school, and any additional faculty and professional staff with interest in research protection and conflict of interest

Resolved that (#2), the TFRPP conduct a comprehensive review including the revision of Procedure 6350 and the creation of an updated set of procedures as part of a research compliance and protection program in line with best practices at comparable size universities

Resolved that (#3), the TFRPP produces ongoing recommendations beginning as soon as possible during the Spring 2023 semester with final, long-term recommendations and working goals no later than the May 2024 meeting.