

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE

RESEARCH POLICIES COUNCIL  
Minutes of 8 October 2015  
Room 204 (MLK), Bernhard Center

**Members present:** Osama Abudayyeh, Gary Atkins, Bob Bensley (for Jessaca Spybrook), Steve Bertman, Lori Brown, Sharon Carlson, Paul Ciccantell, Kaitlyn Cichocki-Goss, Chris Coryn, Robin Criter, Martha Councell-Vargas, Duke Leingpibul (for Muhammad Razi), David Rudge, Bade Shrestha (for Muralidhar Ghantasala), Paul Solomon (for Cat Crotchett), Susan Stapleton, Susan Steuer, Andre Venter, Udaya Wagle.

**Also present:** Paul Kohler, Associate Vice President for Research.

Council Chair Paul Ciccantell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Procedural Items**

*Acceptance of the Agenda*

A motion was made by Rudge, seconded by Venter, to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

*Approval of Minutes of 17 September 2015*

Rudge moved, supported by Criter, to approve the minutes of the 17 September meeting. Motion carried.

**Continued/Old Business**

*Research Misconduct Policy – Paula Kohler*

Questions regarding some details of language and definitions were raised and addressed. Committee has not seen the final document. Kohler noted that the dates for certain actions were reviewed and that a Memorandum Of Action will be required.

Criter moved that the revised Research Misconduct Policy be put forward to the Senate as an MOA. Venter seconded. Kohler called the question. Motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

*Council Chair – Paul Ciccantell*

The provost will attend the November meeting because he could not attend today.

Individuals will be nominated to the committees established in the last meeting if volunteers are not forthcoming.

*Vice President for Research – Paul Kohler for Daniel Litynski*

Applications for Research Travel Funds and Publication of Papers and Exhibition of Creative Works are coming in.

Competition Space is being purchased by the Office of the Vice President for Research and will be used for internal competitions for grants, graduate college and honors college competitions, and will be ready for the Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award this year.

Research and Dessert has been in the fall, but some emerging and distinguished scholars would like to present their scholarship to the University earlier. A spring convocation has been proposed including in-depth workshops for proposal development, perhaps including National Endowment for the Humanities officers. Last year's workshop on foundation grants was well-attended and this is planned for February 4-5. This will allow the distinguished scholar and emerging scholar to speak. Other activities will be included. A FRACAA workshop is planned for Dec. 3. They are interested in providing FRACAA support for the Research Bootcamp. Bertman asked if the new guidelines would be published before these events and Kohler assured him they would be. Kohler would also like more feedback on ways to help individuals prepare for the Support for Faculty Scholar Award.

*Dean of the Graduate College – Susan Stapleton*

Susan Stapleton is spending a lot of time with librarians with the dean of the libraries candidates. Issues of metadata and big data have come up. The graduate research night was jointly sponsored by the libraries and the Graduate College.

Michigan Alliance for the Professoriate has a grant to broaden participation of underrepresented students who hope to become faculty. It is accepting applications at this point and we typically have 4-5 students present.

Grad talks has been converted to the three-minute thesis (one slide, 3 minutes) and there will be a competition connected with the new Research Poster Day and we hope to sponsor the winner to go on to the next level. Aviation has been using it and it has been very popular.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Bertman, seconded by Solomon, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 12 in this same location.

Susan Steuer, Secretary