

University of Puget Sound
Professional Standards Committee
September 26, 2012, 8:30 AM, Wyatt 225

Members present: Kris Bartanen, Doug Cannon, Pat Krueger, Andreas Madlung, Doug Sackman, Kurt Walls, and Seth Weinberger

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Seth Weinberger.

I. Approval of minutes of 9-19-12

Minutes were approved with two minor edits submitted to Jennifer via e-mail.

Seth reminded members of the procedure to sign a hard copy of minutes and send to Jimmy, as well as e-mailing the final version to Judith Kay, Seth and Jimmy.

II. A draft of the OT/PT Procedures for Evaluation including the changes suggested by the assigned subcommittee was reviewed and discussed. Doug Sackman moved and Pat Krueger seconded a motion to preapprove the PSC subcommittee's suggested changes to the OT/PT Evaluation Criteria Document, pending OT/PT concurrence with the changes. The motion passed.

III. An updated policy draft for "Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct" which was recently received back from legal counsel was examined and discussed.

Kris Bartanen gave a brief history of the creation of the document (which originated in 1997), and the process of meeting federal and PHS (Public Health Service) requirements.

A question was raised as to whether the policy covers PHS cases only, and whether the language is clear in the document regarding this question. Kris will take this question back to legal counsel. Seth noted that the intent was to meet all federal requirements, and to include all research. It was also noted that the header "scientific" needs to be consistently changed to "research" throughout the document, and Kris will ask legal counsel about this, as well.

A question was raised regarding the timetable for further University action on a given case when warranted. Kris noted that research allegation cases would undergo this federal process first and then any other issues that may have arisen would move on to the University grievance process if warranted, after the research misconduct process is completed. Section VI, letter I of this document states that allegations can move forward to the Code grievance process after this federal misconduct inquiry process is completed. In response to a further question, Kris suggested that legal advice would be sought if a case involving potential criminal issues comes forward.

Section V, C of the document was examined, and it was decided to ask legal counsel whether to define "working days" in this section, and whether

brackets should be removed. Action: Kris will send the document with these questions back to legal counsel.

- IV. Future meetings:** Peggy Perno will attend the Oct. 17 meeting to talk with the PSC about the process for completion of course evaluations by specially abled students.

Seth will contact members as to when we will meet next for possible discussion of senate charges.

There will be no PSC meeting Oct. 10 due to a faculty meeting.

- V.** The meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Krueger