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University of Puget Sound  
Professional Standards Committee  
25 February 2013, 8:00, a.m., Misner Room

Members present: Doug Cannon, Jennifer Hastings, Pat Krueger, Andreas Madlung, Kurt Walls, and Seth Weinberger

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m., by Seth Weinberger.

**1. Approval of minutes of 2-18-13**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Update on the draft for *Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct***

Seth announced that we needed to address two remaining questions concerning the Research Misconduct Policy: 1) should there be a provision for appeal of the outcome of a Research Misconduct investigation? 2) should this policy cover *all* faculty research or just that which has federal funding?

Seth clarified that research done by students or staff that was not federally funded would be handled under existing policy and procedures for those groups, and any federally funded research by students or staff would be under this policy.

Committee discussed briefly the concern of an appeal provision and agreed that this was consistent with other policies across campus and voted unanimously that an appeal provision should be included in the policy.

Discussion regarding whom the policy should cover revolved around the following key points:

- Should there be more than one standard for faculty research?
- How does the existing grievance policy coincide or integrate with this policy?
- Would a sanctions outcome of the Research Misconduct Policy be consistent with the Faculty Code?

After discussion the PSC voted that the Policy *should* apply to all faculty with the pivotal issue being that of not having one population on campus be held to a higher standard, or one under which it would be easier to be sanctioned.

After this vote there was further discussion and new concerns over the centralization of the process and a movement away from faculty governance in the Faculty Code based grievance system to a more cumbersome and administration based policy.

It was moved and seconded that we recall this vote and reopen discussion at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hastings