Research Integrity Regulation and Policy Revision

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Revision Overview

Goals

- Align to other UF Regulations and Policies in format and structure
- More user friendly; increased readability
- Better reflect Federal requirements and areas of increasing Federal scrutiny
- Process and procedures more closely align with peer institutions

• Regulation: 1.0101 Research Integrity

- More concise
- Points readers to the policy, managed by UF Research

Policy

- Most content related to Research Misconduct, which is governed by federal regulations
- Additional language related to research integrity deviations
 - Violations of research terms and conditions, research ethics, etc.



Regulation Revision Process



Peers

Federal Regulations

Regulation and Policy Drafting

UF Research

Office of the Provost

General Counsel

Shared Governance

Research Policy Committee

SCORS

Faculty Senate

Pending: CBA Bargaining

Posted for Public Comment and Presented to the BOT

What Hasn't Changed

- Research Misconduct process and definitions
 - Allegation-> Assessment->Inquiry->Investigation
 - Note: Exhibit specific to Research Misconduct allegations involving federal research dollars
- Maintains due process, including grievance process
- Ensures confidentiality throughout reviews and investigations
- Vice President for Research is Deciding Official
 - Home units are responsible for discipline
- Process managed by UF Research Integrity Officer
 - Facilitator and independent fact-finder appointed by VPR



What's New

- Consistency with Federal regulations and processes
- Policy clearly defines research integrity deviations
 - Includes peer review breaches, non-compliance with grant terms and conditions, questionable research practices, etc.
- Ensures due process for all allegations related to research integrity deviations
- UF Research Integrity appointed to conduct investigations on behalf of VPR



Questions?

