

Research Committee Minutes
12 December 2019

Members present: David Kessel, Chair; Tamara Bray; Alan Dombkowski; Samiran Ghosh; Krishna Rao Maddipati; Bharati Mitra; Avraham Raz; Elizabeth Stoycheff; Ronald Thomas; Fu-Shin Yu; Noreen Rossi, AAUP-AFT Liaison; Kenan Sinan, Student Senate Liaison

Presentation by Philip Cunningham, AVP for Research Integrity

The elements of research integrity include both ethics (human and animal investigation regulations, conflicts of interest, publication and misconduct).

Research Safety is concerned with management of hazardous materials and safety considerations.

There is a financial conflict of interest committee that deals with management plans whenever there are concerns. A typical task is separating research from analysis, if a conflict exists.

The federal government is involved where there may be foreign influences. This is becoming a significant source of problems if there are conflicts of interest, foreign components in projects supported by US funds, potential for effects on US foreign policy, collaborations with investigators at foreign sites.

There are significant penalties for failure to disclose undisclosed foreign grants or collaborative efforts. There is a WSU web site on Foreign Influence. Gail Ryan, Associate Vice President of Sponsored Programs Administration or Dr. Cunningham should be consulted for additional information.