

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
Research Policy and Advisory Committee

**Minutes**

October 23, 2024, meeting

**Via Microsoft Teams**

**1. Call to order**

Tori McCoy called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

Members Present:

Anna Benko, Rina Ghose, Jennifer Herriges, Tory McCoy, Joshua Mersky, Joseph Mougel, Kris O'Connor (ex Officio), Nigel Rothfels (ex Officio), Murad Taani, Melissa Tesch, and Sam Westcott (ex Officio)

Members Absent:

Madhusudan Dey, Jenny Hutton

Guests:

Dan Siercks (Interim Director, UWM Research Computing), Andrew Graettinger, Reed Heintzkill, Anne Kissack, Kathleen Koch, Cindy Marifke, Jeremy Miner, Jeff Nytes, and Michelle Schoenecker

**2. Automatic Consent**

- A. Agenda
- B. Minutes of the September 25, 2024, meeting

**3. Research Information Technology (Continuation)**

Dan Siercks discussed a road map for a research IT governance subcommittee to govern and make proposals of how to support campus research. Ideally, an RPAC member would join the Research IT Subcommittee and also bring up projects or proposals for the group.

**4. Research Data Management Policy**

Kris O'Connor explained that an overview of the draft policy will be discussed today, and it will be brought forward at the next meeting for RPAC approval.

Jeff Nytes explained the purpose of this policy is to provide a general framework and expectations around research data and its stewardship, retention, accessibility, and security. The policy also provides guidance on matters of research data transfer. It describes the general expectations for UWM research data management.

**5. Updates from the Office of Research**

Kris O'Connor shared that a NIH Grant Proposal Development Workshop is scheduled for January.

He also noted that Deans and Associate Deans were notified about the opportunity for cost-sharing with the Office of Research to fund technical grant writing, etc.

Sam Westcott shared that the Research Integrity Training is set to roll out.

Jeff Nytes stated that several federal research agencies are requiring individuals to disclose any participation in a foreign talent recruitment program while submitting proposals. Secondly, it would require award winners to annually certify that they are not participating in a foreign talent recruitment program. This is part of the malign foreign talent recruitment program in the CHIPS and Science Act. The university will also need to have a policy regarding malign talent recruitment programs.

This has caused an administrative burden for the university. A policy has to be put into place. The university also has to make sure that all key personnel listed on proposals have disclosed any foreign activities and certify that they are not party to a malign program. The university itself has to make the same declarations. Doing this on a case-by-case basis causes an administrative burden for the Office of Research and can delay submission of the proposal.

As a result, UWM is going to follow what other institutions of higher education have done and create a policy that outright bans or prohibits participating in these programs for any of our staff. This will make the certification process easier to complete. It's anticipated that a draft will be shown to the RPAC in December.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:11 pm.