

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
Research Policy and Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 26, 2025, meeting
Via Microsoft Teams

1. Call to order

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

Members Present:

Anna Benko, Madhusudan Dey, Rina Ghose, Jennifer Herriges, Tori McCoy, Joshua Mersky, Joseph Mougel, Kris O'Connor (ex Officio), Nigel Rothfels (ex Officio), and Melissa Tesch

Members Absent:

Jenny Hutton, Murad Taani, and Sam Westcott (ex Officio)

Guests:

Reed Heintzkill, Kathleen Koch, Cindy Marifke, Jeremy Miner, Jeff Nytes, and Michelle Schoenecker

2. Automatic Consent

- A. Agenda
- B. January 22, 2025, meeting minutes

3. MIDD (Milwaukee Institute for Drug Discovery) Report Response

No comments need to be added by the RPAC to the MIDD review reports.

4. Approval of the Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Policy

Jeff Nytes summarized the policy by saying that it's required to comply with federal laws and regulations concerning Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs and their potential influence over federally funded research. It provides definitions that are taken directly from the Chips Act.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of the Disclosure of Other Support Policy

Jeff Nytes provided an overview of the policy. It's designed to comply with federal requirements concerning disclosure of current/pending other support documents.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Discussion of the Authorship Policy

Nigel Rothfels discussed the need for an authorship policy and shared a draft.

Policy Statement:

- 1) Authorship at UWM is limited to those who meet the following 2 criteria and anyone who meets both of these criteria must be included as authors, unless they ask to be removed.
 - Authors must have made a substantial intellectual contribution to a project. This typically includes such roles as contributing to the conception or design of the research, or collecting, analyzing, and interpreting the data.
 - Authors must have been engaged in drafting, editing, or providing a substantial intellectual critique of the work.
- 2) If contributors to a collaborative work meet these 2 criteria and wish to be listed as authors:
 - Each author must have final approval of the submitted work and subsequent significant revisions; and
 - Each author must accept responsibility for their contributions and be able to identify who is responsible for the other contributions.

Providing financial, logistical, or administrative support, including providing laboratory space and materials would be insufficient justifications to be listed as an author.

In the event of a dispute over authorship, UWM would expect all parties to work in good faith to remove conflicts.

7. Updates from the Office of Research

Kris O'Connor shared that the Office of Research hosted an NSF Workshop in February. Approximately 80 people were registered for the morning session and 20 for the afternoon.

The current situation with the executive orders and the stop work orders from the federal government is evolving. The Office of Research is monitoring events and sends updates as information becomes available.

8. General Good and Welfare

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:01 pm.