

RESOLUTION-POLICY

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	For Information Only

From: Dr. Eric Milou, Rowan University Senate President

To: Dr. James Newell, Interim Provost

Date: 3/6/12

RE: Senate Resolution **120302-2**

Policy on Ensuring Compliance with Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Requirements by Federal Funding Agencies

Background

As part of the implementation of Section 7009 of the *America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science* (COMPETES) Act, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) have enacted policies requiring faculty, staff and students (both undergraduate and graduate) who are engaged in sponsored research undergo training in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR). Furthermore, these funding agencies require the University to monitor and track that all such researchers have received RCR training.

In April 2007, the Rowan University Senate has passed a resolution entitled "Resolution on Establishment of a Training Program for Ethical & Responsible Conduct of Research." The resolution requires faculty and graduate students (only) to undergo RCR training, as established by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and that necessary checkpoints shall be implemented so that the training requirements can be enforced.

In accordance with the University senate resolution the Research Office webpage provided a link to a web-based training in RCR, hosted by the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) for faculty and students. As of February 1, 2008, faculty receiving research awards were required to complete the training as a condition of their award.

However, a review of current practice in the University indicates that the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs cannot track whether faculty and students have completed the required RCR training, nor does it address the issue of undergraduate students supported on research projects.

In summary, we are currently not in full compliance with NSF and NIH statutes for the Responsible Conduct of Research, which can jeopardize sponsored research at the University.

ADDITIONAL REVIEW NEEDED:

_____ I am willing to give approval if the following modification(s) are made:

_____ Before I can approve or reject this item, I need clarification on the following:

_____ I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for further consideration and consultation.

Rejection:

_____ I decline acceptance of this item for the following reason:

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