Consulting Management Committee
September 17, 2013
2:00- 3:00 p.m.

Present: M. Breland, A. De Blas, K. Fearney, J. Hepworth, S. Spiggle, T. Van Hoof

Staff: B. Murray, E. Passan, S. Reis, S. Wetstone

Actions:

• The minutes of April 16, 2013, were approved: motion by T. Van Hoof, seconded by A. De Blas, passed unanimously.

• A. De Blas suggested that the Committee and University begin referring to Consulting as “Compensated Consulting” to clearly differentiate between compensated and non-compensated consulting. Non-compensated consulting would not require submission of a consulting form and may be performed as a state employee, as “consulting,” under the current University definitions and policies, must involve remuneration for services performed due to expertise and not be related to the faculty member’s state employment.

• The Faculty Consulting Offices will work on a spring semester reminder to department heads with five major consulting concerns. K. Fearney suggested that department heads and faculty be reminded of the Necessary Expenses Form.

• At time of CMC meeting, UCHC has completed reconciliation, and Storrs has one-outstanding reconciliation form. Faculty who have left the University may reconcile with a hard copy form, as they no longer have access to the online system.

• The Faculty Consulting Offices continue to advise faculty not to consult when 100% on federal grants during the summer. The FCOs recommend that faculty do not buy-out their summer months 100%.

• Idle, Non-Consumable Resources (i.e. computer, email, office)
  a. Storrs and UCHC have aligned their practices, and Labor Relations supports the current definitions and practices. A document has been uploaded to the Consulting website.
    i. The definitions will be shared in the spring reminder.

• High-Risk Consulting Sub-Committee
  a. Launched following an audit report, this committee, led by the Compliance Office, has established definitions of high-risk consulting, and they will begin to assess activities for FY14.
  b. K. Fearney intends to update department heads and the Council of Deans at their November meetings.
Sunshine

a. As companies begin publishing their consultants, some faculty consulting activities might emerge that were performed without an approved consulting form.

b. There is a concern that UCHC faculty are unaware of rules.

c. Provided by S. Wetstone, for the purpose of this program, a “physician” is any of the following types of professionals that are legally authorized to practice:
   i. Doctor of Medicine
   ii. Doctor of Osteopathy
   iii. Doctor of Dentistry
   iv. Doctor of Dental Surgery
   v. Doctor of Podiatry
   vi. Doctor of Optometry
   vii. Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine

d. Pharmacists and Nurses are not included in this legislation.

e. Associated Risks:
   i. Reputational
   ii. Federal protections for patients regarding conflict of interest, i.e., fair disclosure laws altering patients about payment from drug companies to physicians, who may begin prescribing those drugs.

f. Physicians may dispute postings within 45 days.

g. UCHC will keep Storrs informed of all developed policies and procedures.

New Business

a. OACE is investigating a faculty member’s use of university resources without submission of a consulting form.

The Committee congratulated the 2013 NCAA National Champion UConn Women’s Basketball Team and T. Van Hoof for receiving the AAUP Teaching Promise Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandon L. Murray