Consulting Management Committee Minutes: June 19, 2008

Attendees

Members: A. Pappanikou, R. Rubin, T. Van Hoof and S. Wikel Staff: I. Krisst and S. Wetstone

The meeting was convened at 2:15 pm.

- 1) Minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2008 Unanimously approved without revision.
- 2) UCHC Request for Action #6:

As described in the March 6, 2008 minutes, the revised document was distributed to the committee by email and such revisions were unanimously approved during the week of April 7. The final document was distributed.

3) UCHC Request to Revise Action #3

On May 30, the committee initiated an email meeting to discuss the situation in which a person requesting to consult either has or will soon have a material role in a research contract/grant with the contracting entity providing compensation for a consulting activity OR had, has or will soon have a material role in determining the terms and conditions for such a contract. This discussion was triggered by a specific UCHC faculty member request to consult.(2008-321.)

During this discussion, the committee, by a 4-0 vote, recommended the specific request to consult by the faculty member be approved, but also decided that rather than vote on revisions to Action #3, it wanted to meet face to face to discuss the larger issues.

Dr. Wetstone provided a recap of the issues that had been articulated in his June 4 email to the committee. The committee then discussed what its appropriate role in assessing conflicts of interest in research should be, especially in light of the roles played by the Individual Conflicts of Interest in Research committees and Institutional Review Boards on both campuses. It then unanimously accepted the revisions to UCHC Action #3 that had previously been sent by email to the committee.

4) Dr. Stephen Wikel

Dr. Wikel will be leaving the University of Connecticut in mid-August. Dr. Deckers has nominated a replacement which is being considered by the President's Office. The committee members thanked Dr. Wikel for his efforts on the committee to date.

The committee adjourned at 3:03 pm.