University of Washington
Faculty Council on Research
May 9th, 2018
9:00am – 10:30am
Gerberding 142

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Call to order
2. Review of the agenda
3. Review of the minutes from March 14th, 2018
4. Review of the work of the Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property, Policy, and Practice (ACIP3)
5. Update on the faculty Open Access Policy
6. Discussion of the new EPA data transparency rules and the possible impact on the UW
7. Further discussion of FCR endorsement of a survey of animal research PIs on OAW and Hoverboard
8. Discussion of FCR membership and a new FCR chair
9. Good of the order
10. Adjourn

1) Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2) Review of the agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

3) Review of the minutes from March 14th, 2018

The minutes from March 14th, 2018 were approved as written.

4) Review of the work of the Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property, Policy, and Practice (ACIP3)

Rosenfeld gave an overview of work undertaken by the Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property, Policy, and Practice (ACIP3) in the 2017-18 academic year. ACIP3 had the original charge of reviewing issues related to intellectual property at the UW and recommending revisions for the governing Executive Order No. 36 (Patent, Invention, and Copyright Policy).

The first half of the 2017-18 academic year was spent vetting the Open Access Policy given its expectation to be reviewed and voted on by the Faculty Senate in spring quarter. A subcommittee of ACIP3 reviewed the legality of various implementation methods, and the committee was eventually split on recommending either opt-in or opt-out as the faculty adoption model, though it did decide that all of the considered implementation methods were viable from a legal standpoint.
Additional topics considered by ACIP3 during 2017-18 include:

- Evaluation of the Global Innovation Exchange (GIX) fee-based master’s degree program and associated intellectual property rights.
- Evaluation of Co Motion (the university’s collaborative innovation hub dedicated to expanding the economic and societal impact of the UW community).
- Review of intellectual property rights as related to UW Continuum College.
- Continued deliberation over the UW’s Outside Professional Work for Compensation Form (Form 1460) required for all faculty, librarians, and other academic personnel who anticipate engaging in outside professional work for compensation.

Rosenfeld explained ACIP3 will continue its work in the next year.

5) Update on the faculty Open Access Policy

Class B legislation concerning a faculty Open Access Policy was recently unanimously approved by the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and will be voted on by the Faculty Senate in the body’s next meeting. It is an opt-out policy. Rosenfeld noted this has been a long initiative that is finally coming to vote in the Faculty Senate. It was recognized that FCR supports approval for the Policy.

6) Discussion of the new EPA data transparency rules and the possible impact on the UW

Rosenfeld explained the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed a new rule currently open for comment in the federal register. The proposed rule is “intended to strengthen the transparency of EPA regulatory science. The proposed regulation provides that when EPA develops regulations, including regulations for which the public is likely to bear the cost of compliance, with regard to those scientific studies that are pivotal to the action being taken, EPA should ensure that the data underlying those are publicly available in a manner sufficient for independent validation” (federalregister.gov). Greater transparency relating to data is a large part of the rule, though it is unclear exactly what this will mean in practice. Pushback has arisen from scientists around the country while the proposed rule is within comment period (comments must be received on or before May 30, 2018). Rosenfeld asked members to be aware of the proposed rule and the impact it may have on research at the UW. It was noted the UW School of Public Health and College of the Environment are working on a response as they will likely be most affected units on campus. It was noted the university plans to send comments in consultation with the UW Office of Federal Relations.

7) Further discussion of FCR endorsement of a survey of animal research PIs on OAW and Hoverboard

It was noted a former FCR member was interested in broadcasting a university-wide survey relating to researcher satisfaction over the new HoverBoard system, a newly-implemented streamlined and integrated environment for submitting and managing animal protocols in use by the UW Office of
Animal Welfare (OAW). The council was messaged over the idea, but responses were limited and it was decided the topic should wait to be deliberated until the time of the next council meeting.

There was some discussion of disseminating such a survey. It was noted survey responses would likely return negative feedback given some issues with the implementation of HoverBoard. A member explained the ability of OAW to respond to requests is constrained by the small size of the office and limited staff. Ultimately, members chose not to pursue the survey.

Rosenfeld noted the idea may be taken up again if requested. It was noted OAW is interested in receiving feedback on HoverBoard. It was noted staff in OAW are very helpful to individual PIs.

8) Discussion of FCR membership and a new FCR chair

Rosenfeld noted he plans to step down from being FCR chair after the current year. He noted he would recommend member Charles Frevert as the new council chair, and explained he would like to solicit feedback via email on this topic. Rosenfeld noted if any member knows of any other faculty members interested in serving on the FCR, they should contact the support analyst. A member recommended additional faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences added to the council.

9) Good of the order

Rosenfeld was thanked for serving as chair from October 2014 – May 2018.

10) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes by Joey Burgess, jmbg@uw.edu, council support analyst

Present: Faculty: Benjamin Marwick, Michael Rosenfeld (chair)  
Ex-officio reps: Ann Glusker, Larry Pierce  
President’s designee: Mary Lidstrom  
Guests: Jennifer Harris

Absent: Faculty: Donald Chi, Paul Fishman, Chuck Frevert, Nicole Gibran  
Ex-officio reps: Jake Busche, Charles Hirschman