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2015-2016 Annual Report

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Dr. Raymond Runyan, **Chair**, Cellular & Molecular Medicine, (6/13-5/16)
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Dr. Manish Keswani, Materials Science & Engineering (6/15-5/18)
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Ex-Officio: Dr. Lucinda Rankin, Research Integrity Officer (RIO)

Mission (from Faculty Constitution, Article V, Section 7)

“The University Committee on Ethics and Commitment shall deal with questions of misconduct in research, scholarship, or creative endeavor; conflict of commitment; and facilities misuse; and receive reports from the Research Integrity Officer. In its deliberations it will use the current versions of the University policies on research integrity, professional commitment and proper facilities use.”

The UCEC had two inquiries for the 2015-2016 academic year. Both panels had three UCEC members and the second panel added an expert to assist the panel with technical terms.

The first case involved a case of academic misconduct by a faculty member in the area of plagiarism. The Panel recommended an apology to collaborators, publication of an erratum in the journal acknowledging collaborator's contributions, and a clarification of the copyright status of work published by the College.

The second case involved a complaint of academic misconduct between two faculty members involving plagiarism. Both parties were found to be at fault and collegiality was not observed by either party.



Dr. Raymond Runyan, Chair UCEC

