



**University Committee on
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**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND COMMITMENT
2022-2023 Annual Report**

UCEC Members:

Dr. Kurt Gustin, Chair (6/20-5/23) (COM-PHX)

Mr. Stephen Hussman, Vice Chair (6/20-5/23) (LIB)

Dr. Damian Baca (6/21-5/24) (SBS)

Dr. Kate Bunton (6/21-5/24) (COS)

Dr. Fabio Lanza (6/22-5/25) (COH)

Dr. Ruth Taylor-Pilae (6/22-5/25) NUR

Ex officio: Mr. Scott Pryor **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.”

See also the inquiry function of the UCEC as described in UHAP 2.13.09: “Policy and Procedures for Investigations of Misconduct in Scholarly, Creative and Research Activities.”

The Committee’s Annual Meeting was held on August 25, 2022. During the meeting Dr. Gustin was elected Chair and Mr. Hussman Vice Chair for 2022-2023. The committee members reviewed the annual report and the charge of the Committee on Ethics.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, the committee investigated one allegation of research misconduct. The request to form the inquiry panel was received from the Research Integrity Officer on November 30, 2022. An Inquiry panel consisting of 3 UCEC members was formed and investigated the allegations by reviewing evidence provided by the claimant and respondent and conducting interviews with key

individuals. The Inquiry Panel submitted a final report with Findings and Recommendations to the Research Integrity Officer on March 22, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



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