



**University Committee on
Ethics and Commitment**

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**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND COMMITMENT
2023-2024 Annual Report**

UCEC Members:

Dr. Kate Bunton, Chair (6/21-5/24) (COS)
Dr. Fabio Lanza, Vice Chair (6/22-5/25) (COH)
Dr. Damian Baca (6/21-5/24) (SBS)
Dr. Ruth Taylor-Pilae (6/22-5/25) (NUR)
Dr. Michelle Perfect (6/23-6/26) (COE)
Dr. Dian Li (6/23-5/26) (COH)

Ex officio: Mr. Scott Pryor Research Integrity Officer (RIO) August 2023-December 2023, Ms. Mariette Marsh Research Integrity Office (RIO) January 2024-present

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 September 13, 2023. During the meeting Dr. Bunton was elected Chair and Dr. Lanza Vice Chair for 2023-2024. The committee members reviewed the annual report and the charge of the Committee on Ethics.

During the 2023-2024 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 April 10, 2023. An Inquiry panel consisting of 2 UCEC members from the University of Arizona and 2 members from an outside institution was formed and investigated the allegations by reviewing evidence provided by the respondents. The Inquiry Panel will submit a final report with Findings and Recommendations to the Research Integrity Officer by May 20, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Bunton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kate" being more prominent than the last name "Bunton".

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