



**University Committee on
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UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND COMMITMENT 2020-2021 Annual Report

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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 September 8, 2020.

The Committee held two Inquiry Panels during the 2020-2021 academic year. The first Inquiry Panel was charged to investigate a complaint of allegations of research misconduct on February 22, 2021 by Scott Pryor, Research Integrity Officer. The Inquiry Panel investigated the allegations by reviewing evidence, consulting outside experts and interviewing witnesses. The Panel submitted a report with Findings and Recommendations to Scott Pryor on April 16, 2021. A second Inquiry Panel was charged to investigate a different complaint of allegations of research misconduct on March 16, 2021 by Scott Pryor, Research Integrity Officer, and is ongoing at the time of submission of this annual report.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Bernard Futscher
Chair, UCEC