Minutes Research Communications Council  
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Responsible Conduct of Research  
Our special guest this month was Kyle Galbraith, the University’s Research Integrity Officer. Kyle talked about Research Integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research – and why that matters to us as communicators, especially from a media relations/crisis communications standpoint.

The biggest takeaway: if you get questions, ask Kyle!

A few things we discussed include:

- **RCR Training**  
  - PIs need to understand rules and make sure they complete required trainings – and that the people paid on their grants complete required trainings

- **Research Misconduct**  
  - Common problems might include:  
    - Plagiarism  
    - Falsification  
    - Fabrication  
  - Actions depend on gravity of the misconduct  
  - Proceedings are confidential, so check with Research Integrity Officer if you’re contacted about a case.  
  - Retraction or corrections are not always a bad thing  
    - It could be an honest error  
    - If several, it might be a red flag

It is very important for departments and universities to take this matter seriously. If research misconduct allegations are not addressed properly, federal agencies can revoke institutional funding, among other measures. This issue is especially relevant to us as communicators as we think about writing stories that highlight research in our units. It may be worthwhile to verify story topics with your unit head if you are unsure.

Updates from the OVCR

- The new Research Training Portal is now up and running [https://ovrportal.research.illinois.edu/Training/](https://ovrportal.research.illinois.edu/Training/)  
- There are changes on the horizon related to research administration and the sponsored project lifecycle  
- Illinois Experts – Currently on track have complete coverage in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences by the end of the semester. [https://experts.illinois.edu/](https://experts.illinois.edu/)  
- Friendly reminder – Sesquicentennial logo needs to be on websites!  
- The OVCR will start a Centers and Institutes feature each week to highlight the breadth of research expertise across campus. It will be highlighted in both Twitter and the OVCR’s landing page.
• OCR Processes – The area-specific information sheets are a work in process and, as Melissa mentioned in February’s meeting, if you have ideas about how we can do these, we want to hear about them.
• If you know of a building project that used state Capital Development funding and if you can point to some quantifiable ROI on that investment, let Melissa know. (Example, IGB. Initial investment of $75M, Grant income of $261M in just ten years...)

Updates from the group

Tech Services

• **Amazon Web Services** - The Office of Technology Services is holding free-of-charge Amazon Web Services lab trainings throughout the Spring semester. To see the full schedule, click [here](http://techservices.illinois.edu/news/2017/changes-ssh).
• Many people, especially researchers, use SSH to connect from off campus to on-campus resources and computers. Beginning May 30, people will need to use the University’s VPN before they can make a SSH connection. More information can be found on the Technology Services site. [http://techservices.illinois.edu/news/2017/changes-ssh](http://techservices.illinois.edu/news/2017/changes-ssh)

Office of Technology Management

• The **2017 Entrepreneurship Forum** will take place April 25-26 at the Illini Union
• [Entrepreneurship Portal](http://techservices.illinois.edu/news/2017/changes-ssh)

IHSI

• IHSI has compiled information from departments and units across campus to create a one-stop-shop for health sciences related research. In this [guide](http://techservices.illinois.edu/news/2017/changes-ssh), health researchers will be able to find relevant information from departments and offices across campus in one accessible location.

News Bureau

• New Physical Sciences writer on board soon!
• E-mail sesquicentennial signatures [available](http://techservices.illinois.edu/news/2017/changes-ssh).
• Campus Insights Presentation for the Board of Trustees

LAS

• Look out for stories coming up about:
  o atmospheric science and South American thunderstorms.
  o Influence of alcohol on pregnancy
ACES

- Advances in Research has been published.

Family Resiliency Center

- The FRC is hosting an event - “Thriving With Autism.” It’s a piano recital featuring Dr. Charles Smith, an Illinois graduate with autism who will be sharing his personal story. The recital will take place on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 in the Music Building Auditorium (1114 W. Nevada St. Urbana, IL 61801).
  http://illinois.edu/calendar/detail/3324?eventId=33265041

Carle Illinois College of Medicine

- Site visit from LCME puts the College at a new stage on the way to full accreditation

IGB

- IGB will be celebrating a milestone: 10th anniversary on March 29th in Springfield
  http://www.igb.illinois.edu/sites/default/files/upload/AoS%20Springfield%20Reception%20invite_0.jpg

FAA

- There will be an Architectural Symposium in Chicago at the end of march – interact with industry – research and education http://www.arch.illinois.edu/degrees/forefront-symposium-1
- Past in Research and Innovation – Sasaki Day in May 3rd – Student Design Competition
  Look at last 150 years – competition to design something based on the past
  https://landarch.illinois.edu/about/newsletters

Prairie Research Institute

The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center and Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant are holding a conference on Emerging Contaminants in the Aquatic Environment – it will be about how things like pharmaceuticals and personal care products (such as “micro-beads”) end up in our water and what they do when they get there. Help spread the word!

Conference website: http://istc.illinois.edu/events/ECAEC17/