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{Faculty}Unit
Procedure for {F 4 –Scientific Misconduct}

Scientific Misconduct: Midway College holds professional standards for research endeavors and does not tolerate scientific misconduct.

Summary of Procedure

The chair of the Research Ethics Review Board will serve as the Research Integrity Officer.

All employees or individuals associated with Midway College should report observed, suspected, or apparent misconduct in science to the Research Integrity Officer or appropriate Academic Dean. Upon receiving an allegation of scientific misconduct, the Research Integrity Officer will immediately assess the allegation to determine whether this is sufficient evidence to warrant an inquiry.

If an inquiry is warranted, the Research Integrity Officer will appoint an inquiry committee and implement the inquiry procedure. The Research Integrity Officer will journal the first report to the appropriate Academic Dean, who serves as Deciding Official in the procedure. The Deciding Official determines if an investigation is justified.

Following an investigation according to the guidelines, the appropriate Academic Dean as Deciding Official will make the final determination whether to accept the investigation report, its findings, and the recommended institutional actions.

The appropriate Academic Dean will report the institution's decision to initiate an investigation to the Office of Research Integrity of the Public Health Service or other federal or private grant supporters.

The complete Scientific Misconduct Procedures is available in a separate brochure.