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Mr. Kenneth Swalagin
University Senate
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Dear Mr. Swalagin:

I am writing in response to the University Senate's December 2016 report and recommendations on Charge S-1508, Responsible Conduct of Research. I thank the members of the Senate's Research and Graduate and Professional Education Committee for their constructive suggestions.

I concur with your recommendations to finalize the draft University Policy on Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) and to create a new position within the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) to develop and administer a "one-stop shop" RCR website, populated with information for the discipline-, sponsor-, and status-specific RCR training requirements. I also concur with the Committee's recommendations concerning a database of available RCR resources and training materials, as well as the Committee's recommendations regarding compliance with sponsor requirements for RCR training and the creation of an advisory board to assist with these activities.

Dr. Christopher Molloy, Senior Vice President for ORED, has received these recommendations and has agreed to move forward on implementation. In this regard, recruiting for an RCR coordinator ("Director of Research Integrity") is in progress. The individual selected will report to Dr. Judith Neubauer, Associate Vice President in ORED's Office of Research Regulatory Affairs. This position will be charged with implementing the Senate's recommendations, including policy review, cross-university coordination of RCR activities and training options, development of a comprehensive RCR support website, formation of an Advisory Board to advise ORED in RCR matters, coordination with the graduate schools to identify RCR resources, and the development of policies and programs (including online programs) aligned with those of peer institutions.

I thank the Committee for these helpful recommendations and am pleased that ORED is moving forward to implement them.

Sincerely,

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