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Council on Sponsored Activities ANNUAL REPORT FOR AY 23-24

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Charge as described in the Organization of the General Faculty of Dartmouth College (OGFDC):

1. To propose and endorse internal policies regulating the activities sponsored by agencies outside the College.
2. To propose and endorse institutional positions in response to policies of external sponsoring agencies as they affect the College.
3. To review periodically the scope and impact of sponsored activities in relation to institutional purposes.
4. To propose and endorse institutional policies with regard to patents, copyrights, technology transfer, and the like.
5. To submit a report to the General Faculty at the end of each academic year.

Number of meetings during the past academic year: One

Activities for the past academic year, and how they address the charge of the council:

We reviewed and approved modifications to our Research Misconduct Policy and Procedures. Many of these changes codified practices that we already applied. Several specific modifications were requested by the DHHS Office of Research Integrity to comply with regulations. Additional changes were designed to streamline the process for managing deadlines. Clarification of the procedures applying to undergraduate and graduate students were deferred, to avoid potential interference with the then

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active graduate student union contract negotiations. The CSA approved the remaining changes unanimously, and they were implemented effective April 1, 2024. (charge #1)

The CSA also discussed the faculty votes in favor of implementing changes to the OGFDC guidelines updating CSA membership, which had been approved by the Council last year. The faculty voted in favor of all CSA changes, and they will take effect 7/1/2024. (charge #1)

The CSA also reviewed COI and open-science considerations. The Council reviewed a potential iThenticate license that would enable faculty members to vet their own publications, e.g., for instances of inadvertent plagiarism. Ultimately, the decision was made not to pursue such a license at this time, to ensure compatibility with upcoming changes to the Academic Honor Principle. (charge #1)

The Council discussed the likely impact of changes to graduate student and postdoc stipends associated with an anticipated union contract (graduate students) and updated NIH minimum (postdocs), and ways to mitigate the expected impact on research budgets. (charge #2)

Finally, the CSA reviewed Dartmouth extramural funding trends. (charge #3)

Key insights or recommendations:

- Required and recommended changes to the RMPP
- Implementation of new CSA membership criteria
- Recommendation to continue tracking developments in the area of open science and plagiarism
- Recommendation to continue tracking student and postdoctoral compensation trends
- Based on preliminary data, extramural awards in FY24 (\$167M) decreased slightly (1.4%) from FY23 (\$170M), in part due to the very late approval of the Federal budget and associated delays in issuing awards; proposals in FY24 (\$853M) increased 6.2% from FY23 (\$803M).

Recommended topics of the council to consider in the coming year:

- Revisions of research misconduct policy in response to new Office of Research Integrity guidelines (charge #1)
- Invention2impact committee report (charge #4)
- Authorship policies (charge #1)
- Overall trends for extramural research funding (charge #2)
- Citation trends (charge #3)

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