Compliance Information Series

The Office for Responsible Research (ORR) recently began a new series of information sessions. These sessions are intended to increase investigators’ knowledge of various aspects of compliance, such as steps you can take to ensure a more timely and efficient review, updated requirements and regulations, and new application forms and review processes, etc., for all areas of research.

In our last session on November 10, Dr. Mary Sauer discussed her role and responsibilities as ISU’s attending veterinarian, a position she has held since January 2010. She also gave tips to help investigators submit Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) applications that include adequate information for reviewers to make the required regulatory determinations. With her background and expertise, Dr. Sauer serves as an excellent resource to investigators whose research involves animals.

Director of ORR Diane Ament and IACUC Chair Dan Morrical strongly encourage new investigators and investigators submitting applications for a new area of research to consult with Dr. Sauer before submitting applications for IACUC review.

Dr. Sauer has worked as a laboratory animal veterinarian since 1992, and she became a Diplomate—a certified specialist in the field of laboratory animal medicine—of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) in 2006. Dr. Sauer received her VMD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1982, after which she completed an internship in large animal medicine and surgery at the University of Minnesota and a residency in equine internal medicine at the Marion du Pont Scott Equine Center, Virginia Tech.

For information about future ORR sessions, please watch for announcements posted on our website, the online university calendar, and Inside Update.

Getting to Know Compliance Committee Chairs

Corey Drake, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, was appointed to vice chair of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) effective August 2010. Dr. Drake has served as a member of the IRB since July 1, 2006. In her role as IRB vice chair, Dr. Drake may serve as an alternate for the IRB chair or share the responsibilities of the position with another faculty member.

Those responsibilities include reviewing all protocols presented to the full committee, voting at full committee meetings, leading the full committee proceedings to help focus discussion on important IRB issues and regulatory requirements, and participating in the development of IRB policies and procedures.

Dr. Drake has been involved with a number of research projects over the past six years and is currently working on two projects funded by the National Science Foundation. One of the projects is an early career project and the other is a collaboration with faculty from five other universities, including the University of Arizona, University of Delaware, University of Washington-Tacoma, Queen’s College-CUNY, and Washington State University-Tri-Cities. Both of these projects focus on understanding how elementary education majors learn to teach mathematics.

Dr. Drake is also the director of undergraduate education for her department and serves on the University Teacher Education Coordinating Council.

Partial Semester Break Closing

The Office for Responsible Research will be closed from December 23, 2010, through January 2, 2011. The university’s continuing efforts to reduce costs, and the fact that our office typically receives fewer protocols for review this time of year, helped us make the decision to close for the holiday period. In the event of an emergency or a critical need for services, please see our homepage for contact information.