

**Resolution on Update to Language in the Faculty Handbook on  
Professional Ethics Committees  
Professional Relations Committee  
June 7, 2010  
For Second Reading &Vote**

**Whereas**, the Faculty Senate and the Provost of Ohio University have adopted a statement on Professional Ethics. (See Section I.A of the *Faculty Handbook* .) In Sections IV.L.2 and IV.L.3 procedures for the investigation and resolution of alleged violations of Professional Ethics are specified. Section IV.L.2 applies to alleged violations of Professional Ethics not involving professional research misconduct, while section IV.L.3 applies to alleged Fraud and Misconduct in Professional Research (See Policy No. 19.048 in the Policy and Procedures Manual). Procedures for Loss of Tenure are in Section II.D.5 of the *Faculty Handbook*;

**Whereas**, the Voinovich School functions like a college and has faculty who must be protected by the *Faculty Handbook*;

**Be it resolved** that the *Faculty Handbook* be revised as follows (changes in bold and italics):

**2. Violations of Professional Ethics not Involving Research Misconduct**

a. **College Professional Ethics Committee**<sup>[1]</sup>

Each college, Regional Campus, and *the Voinovich School* will have a standing Professional Ethics Committee consisting of six faculty members in the college, regional campus, *and the Voinovich School* unless it is necessary to supplement the Committee by faculty from other colleges or regional campuses. At least four of the six faculty must be tenured Group I faculty. The other two may be selected from among the untenured Group I or the Group II faculty. Three of the six members of the College Professional Ethics Committee are selected by the faculty senators from that college or regional campus while the remaining three are appointed by the Dean of the College, Regional Campus, *and the Voinovich School (the Director is the Dean's equivalent in the case of the Voinovich School)* <sup>[2]</sup>. The Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the Dean from among the Group I faculty on the Committee. The term length for members on the College Professional Ethics Committee will be three years and service is restricted to two successive terms. Initial appointments will be staggered so that each year the senators from the college or regional campus and the Dean will each need to select a new Committee member. The College Professional Ethics Committee will be provided access to appropriate university resources to assist it in carrying out its investigations.

b. **Departmental and College Procedures**

Cases of apparent violations of professional ethics not involving Research Misconduct should be brought to the attention of the department Chair<sup>[3]</sup>. . . .

[1] For those committees whose representatives are chosen by the faculty senators, the chair of faculty senate will appoint one senator from each college who is responsible for reporting the nominations in writing to the chair of faculty senate. This senator should also contact the nominees to determine their willingness to serve on the committee prior to submitting the names to the chair of faculty senate. Nominations will be sought at a meeting of the senators from each college immediately after the September senate meeting.

***[2] Director is equivalent to Dean in the case of the Voinovich School.***

[3] Department Chair is equivalent to School Director or Division Coordinator at the Regional Campuses and to the Associate Director in the Voinovich School.