

Received revised Cellular Service and Wireless Allowance Policy No. 560. First Reading.

Received revised Solicitation and Acceptance of Gifts Policy No. 356. First Reading.

Chair Kristine Craven called the Administrative Council meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Holly Mills motioned to approve the agenda for October 2, 2024. Andrew Donadio seconded. Motion APPROVED.

Donadio motioned to approve the September 4, 2024 minutes. Braxton Westbrook seconded. Motion APPROVED.

New Research Security Framework Policy No. 791 was presented as a First Reading. Charmian Leong explained the new policy was drafted due to the need for developing and implementing policies and procedures to comply with new research security requirements mandated by a presidential directive called the National Security Presidential Memorandum 33, or NSPN 33, and the CHIPS and Science Act. NSPN 33 required the strengthening of protections for U.S. government-supported research and development against foreign government interference and exploitations. The primary goal was to protect intellectual capital, discourage research misappropriation, and share responsible management of U.S. taxpayer dollars, including full disclosure of potential conflicts of interest and commitment. The CHIPS and Science Act contained research security provisions as well, including prohibiting participation in malign foreign talent recruitment programs. Policy No. 790 at Tennessee Tech addressed malign foreign talent recruitment programs and was presented as an information only item at the last meeting on September 4, 2024. Policy No. 790 had been effective since August 1, 2024.

In response to NSPN 33 and the CHIPS and Science Act, Tennessee state legislature passed a new law in April 2024 called Public Chapter No. 955. This law stated that all Tennessee higher education institutions must have a research security policy in place by January 1, 2025, and it must be publicly available. This law aligns with federal regulations on research security. Tennessee state legislature wanted to make sure Tennessee schools would remain eligible for federal funding. Due to the deadline set by Tennessee legislature, a research security policy needed to be in place by the new year. Policy No. 791 was drafted to comply with Tennessee Public Chapter No. 955 and was based on the research security provisions of NSPN 33 as well as the CHIPS and Science Act. In drafting the policy there were several goals. Firstly, to recognize the importance of international collaborations and ensure researchers had support and the resources needed to perform collaborative work. With that came the responsibility of protecting researchers and Tennessee Tech from potential conflicts due to the increasing number of federal laws and regulations regarding research security and undue foreign influence. A main goal of this policy was compliance, with a proposed framework focused on compliance with federal laws and regulations with disclosures to federal research funding agencies, conflicts of interest and

Aleta Cannon, recorder

Documents on file with minutes:

Agenda of October 2, 2024

Minutes of September 4, 2024

Received First Reading:

New Participation in Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs Policy No. 790

Received First Reading:

Revised Hover Boards and Similar Personal Conveyance Vehicles Policy No. 191
(renamed: Bicycles and Micro Transportation Devices (MTD))

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