

## **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE POLICY ON SCIENTIFIC MISCONDUCT (03/8)**

**WHEREAS,** The George Washington University has a responsibility to itself and to the federal government and other sponsors of its research to promote and conform to the highest standards of ethical scientific conduct; and

**WHEREAS,** the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) of the Department of Health and Human Services undertook a review of the University's "Misconduct in Research Policy" dated February 8, 1991 (amended to agree with Faculty Senate Resolution (90/11) passed February 8, 1991) and determined that the policy does not comply with federal regulation (42 CFR Part 50, Subpart A) and that, in order to remain eligible for PHS funding, the University would need to revise its administrative policy for handling allegations of scientific misconduct within 30 days; and

**WHEREAS,** a new policy patterned closely after ORI's model policy was submitted to ORI in November, 2003, with the understanding that it still needed to be approved within the University; and

**WHEREAS,** ORI responded that the revised policy was an appropriate response and offered only minor changes, which have been incorporated in the draft; **NOW, THEREFORE**

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY:**

That the Faculty Senate supports the proposed policy, "The George Washington University Policy and Procedures Regarding Allegations of Scientific Misconduct," to be adopted as an Interim Policy, replacing the existing Policy, until reported favorably by the Faculty Senate Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom, with a target reporting date of the May, 2004 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Further, until such time as the position of the Associate Vice President for Health Research (AVPHR) is filled, the Vice President for Health Affairs shall be designated to carry out the responsibilities assigned to the AVPHR under the Policy.

In addition, all references to the Assistant Vice President for Research Compliance and Technology Transfer on pages 5 through 18 of the Policy and on page 1 of the flow chart appended to the Policy shall be deleted.

Faculty Senate Committee on Research  
February 6, 2004

Adopted, as amended, March 12, 2004