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Title-of-Issue: Provide more clarity to Section A4i of Evaluation of Scholarly Activity and Research in the Faculty Handbook.
Description: A4i of Evaluation of Scholarly Activity and Research on page 71 of the Faculty Handbook states:
Entrepreneurship involves systematic efforts to identify and solve problems through experimentation resulting in innovative social, scientific, civic, economic, creative, pedagogical, technological, and/or consumer interventions/initiatives. While the particular problem-solving innovation or intervention will vary by discipline, entrepreneurship as it pertains to research will encompass a praxis-based approach where the primary outcome is not publication, presentation, grants, exhibits or performances (though these might also result from the entrepreneurial endeavor and if so, should be evaluated based on existing criteria), but rather on direct community or market intervention. Such activities may include applied projects that directly support the needs of the community, industry, and/or government and result in a patent, new products, processes, techniques, intervention strategies, and/or comprehensive published (delete the word "published") technical reports. Other examples of entrepreneurial activity might include publications (delete publications and insert "reports") in trade journals, white papers, reports to government agencies, economic impact reports, etc. The chair should also give credit for patents awarded. Evaluation of entrepreneurship activity should look to ascertain impact on the constituencies targeted by the intervention as well as involving expert assessment of rigor in problem identification and solution implementation.
Rationale: Deleting the words "published" and "publications" would add clarity to the current A4i statement. The word "published" in A4i could be misinterpreted to mean published in a peer reviewed journal when such applied projects, studies, and reports are conducted and written for government, military, industry, and/or community agencies and not peer reviewed journals. In the second sentence of A4i, it states that the "primary outcome is not publication"...but rather community or market intervention. (The use of "publication" in the second sentence of A4i appears to be different when the words "published" and "publications" are used later on (see wording from A4i listed above). Rather, the word "published" and "publications" are used later on (see wording from A4i listed above). The chair should also give credit for patents awarded. Evaluation of entrepreneurship activity should look to ascertain impact on the constituencies targeted by the intervention as well as involving expert assessment of rigor in problem identification and solution implementation.
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