

AY23-46-COI Ad Hoc Committee

Faculty Senate Issue Log Form

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Title-of-Issue: Proposal for all research faculty to complete ODU COI Form

Description: During 2/21/24 COI Disclosure Training session, the trainer said that the suggestion has been made by "administration" that all faculty be required to complete the university's new COI Disclosure form.

Rationale: The Conflict of Interest process is required for researchers who are pursuing federal and some state grants. Other funders may have this requirement in place too. But the idea of having ALL research faculty complete the COI seems an incredible overreach by the university. The form collects quite personal financial information (amount and type of debt) which, if the proposal goes through, would be collected for all faculty whether they are pursuing external funding or not, just by virtue of doing the job we were hired to do. That info would potentially be FOIA-able and could be used to target faculty doing particular types of research.

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