
Journal Policy on Research Misconduct¹ (Final March 13, 2009)²

PRINCIPLES

The journals³ published by the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Development, University of the Philippines Diliman (OVCRD, UP Diliman) uphold the highest standards of excellence and ethics in the conduct of research. These being publications of the flagship campus of the only National University of the Philippines, the editorial boards consider the maintenance of such standards part of their commitment to public trust and the pure pursuit of new knowledge. As such, research misconduct shall never be tolerated.

PURPOSE

This document defines research misconduct, specifies the internal controls the journals have formulated to prevent such misconduct, describes the process for responding to allegations of research misconduct, and identifies appropriate disciplinary actions.

DEFINITIONS

Scientific misconduct or research misconduct (henceforth these shall be used interchangeably) is the fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research or in reporting research results.⁴

Fabrication is making up data or results and recording or reporting them.⁵

Falsification is manipulating research materials, equipment or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results or words without giving appropriate credit.

Research misconduct does not include honest error or differences of opinion.

author is affiliated as well as the funding agency that supported the research. The board shall ensure correction of the literature in the succeeding issue through various methods as defined by the board. These may include errata, retractions, and apologies to be written by the author concerned.

Moreover, the Board can opt to impose the following sanctions: 1. disallow the contributor concerned from refereeing a manuscript submission; 2. ban the contributor from publishing in the journal for a period the Board shall determine.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The editorial board does not consider it within its purview to impose disciplinary sanctions against the contributors concerned. However, in the case of faculty, researchers, and students from UP Diliman, it shall adhere to the protocol in processing written complaints against the faculty and employees and support appropriate disciplinary action stipulated in the Rules and Regulations on the Discipline of Faculty Members and Employees of the UP Diliman Faculty and Administrative Manual.

FOOTNOTES

¹ Based on discussions in the meetings held on February 2, 2009 and February 24, 2009 at the OVCRD Conference Room in response to Dean Saloma's request for *Science Diliman* to formulate a scientific misconduct policy. In attendance were: Dr. Corazon D. Villareal, RDUO Director, presiding; Dr Henry J. Ramos, PMRGO Director and Professor, NIP; Atty. Vyva Victoria Aguirre, OVCRD Legal Consultant; Editors-in-Chief Dr. Maricor Soriano (*Science Diliman*) and Dr. Maria Mangahas (*Social Science Diliman*). Ms. Nanie Domingo and Ms. Dercy Mararac, editorial assistants for OVCRD journals took down the minutes.

² As approved in the meeting of the above discussants on February 24, 2009 at the OVCRD Conference Room.

³ *Science Diliman, Social Science Diliman, and Humanities Diliman*

⁴ Federal Policy on Research Misconduct, United States of America.

⁵ These definitions of the forms of research misconduct are quoted verbatim from the policy of the Office of Research Integrity of the United States Public Health Service. Similar phrasings of definitions are adopted in the references listed at the end of this document.