MEMBER PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT

The University Committee on Research (UCOR) and Sponsored Programs is an advisory body to the Vice President for Research and Development. The UCOR shall provide assistance through recommendations on the manner by which research and sponsored programs are initiated/developed, planned, implemented, and evaluated in order to support the primary teaching/learning function of the University.

The responsibilities of membership include the following:

- Represent your UNIT as a member of (UCOR)* in the Office of Research and Development.
- Work cooperatively and in collaboration with the UNIT HEAD and members of the Unit in the development of a Research and Sponsored Programs agenda for the Unit.
- Work within the Unit to identify and prioritize critical problems and issues in the disciplinary/program and functional focus areas represented in the Unit. Coordinate the development of comprehensive plans for solving problems and resolving issues through research and sponsored program activities. Highlight fiscal and human resource needs to support plan implementation.
- Compile data regarding current research and sponsored program activities of the Unit. Organize the research and sponsored program activities around Key Themes and/or Common Disciplinary Fields of Study. [A comprehensive list of the core disciplinary fields as identified by the National Science Foundation and/or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has been compiled to guide this action].
- Coordinate the research and sponsored program activities within the Unit, including student research activities, and guide alignment of these activities with the University mission, core values, and priority goals. Each activity should support one or more of the University priority goals.
- Guide the identification of federal, state, private sector, and other opportunities for external funding for the priority programs as identified by the Unit.
- Work collaboratively with the Office of Research and Development in the identification, implementation, and evaluation of professional development activities designed to support increased visibility of the Unit and participation by the Unit in professional publication and presentation of research and sponsored program outcomes to stakeholders, both internal and external audiences.

As a member of this committee, you will be expected to engage in active participation during the 2008 – 2009 academic year during the quarterly meetings of the Committee. If for any reason you are unable to engage in active participation, you will notify the Office of Research and Development as soon as is reasonably possible, and resign your appointment.

AFFIRMATION: I, ____________________________, understand my role and responsibilities as a member of the University Committee on Research (UCOR) and Sponsored Programs. I affix my signature as commitment to participate as a member of the UCOR for the 2008 – 2009 academic year.

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Signature                                      Date

NOTE: A copy of this agreement will be forwarded to your immediate supervisor for your file.
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
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RESEARCH REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT

The Research Regulatory Compliance Committees at Prairie View A&M University serve the Research, Sponsored Programs, and Development community within Prairie View A&M University.

A Research Regulatory Compliance Committee member is expected to review protocol applications and recommend actions for ALL projects, funded and non-funded, that are planned and conducted by members of the University community and that are categorized as research. The Committee is also expected to review all teaching and/or outreach activities in which the information gathered during these activities are now planned for use in any private or personal research presentation or publication. Research Regulatory Committee approval must be attained prior to the use of this information in any format other than as an internal institutional report.

NOTE: The regulatory compliance committee responsible for safeguarding the rights and welfare of human participants is the Institutional Review Board (IRB); for safeguarding the humane care and treatment of animals is the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC); and for activities involving Bio-hazards, recombinant DNA molecules, and radiation safety is the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC).

In addition to the review of protocol applications, you are expected to review and approve the Standard Operating Procedures for all research, teaching, and outreach activities that are ongoing and serve as a liaison to the Committee, therein assisting faculty/investigators/project directors in the development of a protocol application, when applicable.

As a member of a committee, you will be expected to engage in active participation during the 2008 – 2009 academic year during the monthly meeting of the Committee. If for any reason you are unable to engage in active participation, you will notify the Research Regulatory Compliance Office as soon as is reasonably possible, and resign your appointment.

AFFIRMATION: I, ____________________________, understand my role and responsibilities as a member of the Research Regulatory Compliance Committee indicated below.

____ I accept appointment to the IACUC      _____ I decline appointment to the IACUC

____ I accept appointment to the IBC       _____ I decline appointment to the IBC

____ I accept appointment to the IRB       _____ I decline appointment to the IRB

I affix my signature as commitment to participate as a member of the identified Research Regulatory Compliance Committee for the 2008 – 2009 academic year.

__________________________________________  __________________________
Signature                                      Date

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