Brief Description of Compliance Committees:

NAME: Institutional Review Board
CHAIR: Dr. Leslie Richards, SBHS/PHHS

COMMITTEE MAKE-UP and APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Committee make-up and minimum numbers set by Federal regulations. VPR is the appointing authority. Attempt to have a diversity of interests represented on the committee, with the larger numbers of representatives coming from those units that submit the largest number of applications. We are currently working toward developing a second IRB. When this is accomplished we will have one IRB focused on faculty driven research (~60% of traffic) and one on student projects (~40% of traffic, but generally much shorter timelines.)

ADMINISTRATOR: Lisa Leventhal
STAFFING: Currently 2 No Rank Faculty, 2 students. Recruiting for 2 additional Non Rank Faculty
AUTHORITY: PHS/Office of Human Research Protection
MISSION: The mission is to:
- Safeguard and promote the health and welfare of human research subjects by ensuring that their rights, safety and well-being are protected;
- Provide guidance and support to the research community in the conduct of research with human subjects
- Assist the research community in ensuring compliance with the standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Facilitate ethical research with human subjects;
- Review and monitor of research involving human subjects

NAME: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
CHAIR: Dr. Andrew Buermeyer, EMT/CAS

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ADMINISTRATOR: Managing Supervisor: Dr. Helen Diggs; IACUC Administrator: Steven Durkee
STAFFING: One No-Rank Faculty, one classified staff, one student assistant
AUTHORITY: USDA/Animal and Plant Health inspection Service (APHIS) and PHS/Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)
MISSION: All research and/or teaching activities that involve live vertebrate animals require prior review and approval by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). The IACUC performs semiannual inspections of all animal facilities associated with the university and provides reports of these inspections to federal regulatory agencies.
NAME: Research/Financial Conflict of Interest  
CHAIR: Dr. Adam Schultz, COOAS

COMMITTEE MAKE-UP and APPOINTING AUTHORITY: The aspiration for the committee make-up is a minimum of one faculty member from each college, preferably selecting individuals who have an interest in commercialization if available, plus a number of ex officio members representing legal counsel, OCCD and the Vice President's Office. Members are appointed by the VPR for renewable three year terms.

ADMINISTRATOR: Nicole Wolf, Administrator; Rich Holdren, COI Officer  
STAFFING: None

AUTHORITY: OSU policy on the management of research financial conflicts of interest. This policy is based upon and consistent with the financial COl policies of NSF and PHS. The OSU policy has been updated and approved (by Chancellor George Pernsteiner) as recently as August 2012 to be consistent with the recently implemented PHS policies.

MISSION: To work with faculty and staff to identify real or potential financial conflicts of interest (as identified by federal policies) that could potentially adversely affect research programs and to put into plan management plans, if possible, to identify and set appropriate boundaries within which an individual must work. The goal is to protect the integrity of the research and the reputations of the individuals and institution.

NAME: Diving Safety; Small Boat Safety (two separate compliance areas)  
CHAIR: Diving Control Board Chair: Scott Heppell, DFW/CAS
Small Boat Safety: No committee currently empaneled

COMMITTEE MAKE-UP and APPOINTING AUTHORITY: For Diving Safety the composition of the Diving Control Board is set by OSHA regulations, and is required to distinguish scientific diving from commercial diving (all diving done under the auspices of the university is either scientific or commercial. We don't oversee or sanction recreational diving.)

ADMINISTRATOR: Kevin Buch
STAFFING: One student
AUTHORITY: OSHA Regulations
MISSION: Promote safe diving operations in support of research and teaching.

NAME: Institutional Biosafety Committee  
CHAIR: Dr. Luiz Bermudez, Biomedical Sciences, CVM

COMMITTEE MAKE-UP and APPOINTING AUTHORITY: The committee make-up is defined in part by federal regulations. The VPR is the appointing authority. Although committee appointments are made through the Research Office, the program is managed out of the Environmental Health and Safety unit in Facility Services.

ADMINISTRATOR: Dr. Matt Philpott.
STAFFING: Some clerical support for data entry.
AUTHORITY: NIH
MISSION: Oversee university activities involving recombinant DNA work, work with human, animal and plant pathogens, blood borne pathogen work, select agents, etc.

NAME: Chemical Safety Committee
CHAIR: Dr. Paul Blakemore, Chemistry/COS
COMMITTEE MAKE-UP and APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Committee appointed by the VPR. This committee is operated out of and managed by Environmental Health and Safety in Facility Services.

ADMINISTRATOR: Lance Jones
STAFFING: Some clerical assistance with data entry
AUTHORITY: Oversees research and teaching efforts involving chemical carcinogens.

NAME: Radiation Safety Committee
CHAIR: Dr. Tom Wolpert, BPP/CAS
COMMITTEE MAKE-UP and APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Detailed by EH&S

ADMINISTRATOR: Rainier Farmer
STAFFING: Three specialists, one data entry person
AUTHORITY: State and federal
MISSION: Oversee radiological work including radiotopes, radiation generating devices, and lasers. A separate group oversees work in the Radiation Center.