



To: Faculty and Staff of the College
From: Sara Varhus
Subject: Scientific Misconduct

To be in compliance with a statement by the U.S. Government, each institution which receives or applies research funding under the Public Health Services Act must have administrative policies and procedures for investigating and reporting allegations of scientific misconduct involving activities for which funds have been awarded or requested.

“Misconduct in science” is defined as fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or other practices that seriously deviate from those that are commonly accepted within the scientific community for proposing, conducting, or reporting research. It does not include honest error or honest differences in interpretations or judgments of data.

In compliance with the U.S. Government’s statement on misconduct in science, the following policies and procedures are in effect:

- Nazareth College fosters a research environment that discourages misconduct in all research.
- Allegations of scientific misconduct should be reported in writing to the vice president for academic affairs who will initiate inquiry into such allegations and prepare necessary reports.

Specific policies and procedures pertaining to the investigation of scientific misconduct in research funded under the Public Health Service Act are printed on the reverse side of this memorandum. Nazareth College will comply with these policies and procedures. Questions pertaining to the above should be addressed to Sara Varhus, Vice President for Academic Affairs.