Motion:

The Faculty Senate of Rice University hereby approves the revisions to University Policy 324 on Research Misconduct and the accompanying Procedures for Conducting a Research Misconduct Investigation, dated February 2012, as recommended by the Committee on Research.

Approved by the Senate, as amended below, on February 22, 2012:

Section III a.

If the misconduct allegation concerns students only and no external-sponsor funds were involved, and if the Research Integrity officer determines that the alleged misconduct is academic, rather than research or scholarly, then the Research Integrity Officer may elect to refer the matter to the degree program in which the student was enrolled, the Associate Dean for Student Judicial Programs, the Dean of Undergraduates, or Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. If, however, the Research Integrity Officer elects to view the matter as research misconduct, then the process described in this policy takes priority over any other academic or disciplinary process.