3344-28-08   **Other considerations.**

(A)   Termination of institutional employment or resignation prior to completing inquiry or investigation

    (1)   The termination of employment at Cleveland state university of the respondent, by resignation or otherwise, before or after an allegation of possible academic research misconduct has been reported shall not preclude or terminate the academic research misconduct procedures.

    (2)   If the respondent, without admitting to the misconduct, elects to resign his or her position prior to the initiation of an inquiry, but after an allegation is reported, or during an inquiry or investigation, the inquiry or investigation will proceed.   If the respondent refuses to participate in the process after resignation, the committee will use its best efforts to reach a conclusion concerning the allegations, noting in its report the respondent's failure to cooperate and the resulting effect on its review of all the evidence.

(B)   Restoration of reputations

The research integrity officer will ensure that the respondent's personnel file contains a copy of the original allegation and of the final report. If the inquiry or investigation results in the conclusion that clear and convincing evidence of academic research misconduct has not been found, all persons who have been interviewed or otherwise informed of the charge will be notified in writing that the charges have been investigated and that the committee has been unable to find clear and convincing evidence of academic research misconduct.   Respondents in such cases should be consulted regarding other actions that might be taken on their behalf to restore their reputations.

(C)   Interim administrative actions

(D)   The research integrity officer will take interim administrative actions, as appropriate, to protect federal funds and insure that the purposes of the federal financial assistance are carried out.

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