Figure 1. Duration of each phase of the misconduct proceedings.

- Whistleblower
- MR committee assesses allegation
  - MR comm. checks facts
  - No records are sequestered
  - Discrete inquiry

- Initiates Inquiry
  - Inform Deciding Official
  - Sequesters records and informs respondent simultaneously

- Initiates Investigation
  - Inform ORI
  - Sequester any other records

- Final Report/Provost Decides

40 days
95 days
120 days
Inquiry Process

Initiate inquiry

Inquiry comm.
First Meeting

Comments from principals

allegation

Appt
Inq.
Comm.

Repor

Deciding Official
(Provost) Decision

Figure 2. Time line for Inquiry Process. The time from initial report of misconduct to a decision by the Deciding Official (Provost or Associate Provost/Dean of Research and Sponsored Programs) should be no longer than 60 days.
Figure 3. Time line of Investigation Process. The investigation must begin within 30 days after the decision by the Decising Official to begin an investigation. The investigation should be completed within 120 days.