

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
June 20, 2019 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
UC Bayview Room 320

MINUTES

Attendees: Erin Hill, Brien Nicolau, Mark Besonen, Gina Concannon, Theresa Garcia, Jocelyn Gutierrez, Luis Hernandez, Michelle Hollenbaugh, Jim Lee, Miguel Moreno, Riccardo Mozzachiodi, Carmen Osier, Brandi Reese, James Rizzo, Phyllis Robertson, Sarah Scott, Michael Starek, Gail Sutton, Esmeralda Teran, Trent Thigpen, David Yoskowitz

Absent: Dugan Um, Dorina Murgulet

Alternates: Nail Durham (Tianxing Chu), Mary Jane Hamilton (Elizabeth Sefcik)

Guests: Dr. Kelly Quintanilla, Esmer Teran

Quorum present

1. Guest Speaker: *Dr. Kelly Quintanilla, President/CEO of TAMUCC (10-minute presentation, 5-minute Q&A)*

- An introduction about Dr. Quintanilla was given by Dr. Robertson. Dr. Quintanilla was thanked for her continuing support to CPIRA. HRI (Gail and Larry) were thanked for providing lunch all year for CPIRA members and Blucher (James and Gina) were thanked for providing the brisket lunch for today's meeting.
- Dr. Quintanilla's topics of discussion included:
 - Leadership Retreat- 3 will be held each year.
 - Focus on breaking down individual silos and be more collaborative.
 - Focus on research.
 - Service excellence and attitude.
 - Campus budget and being transparent where monies come from.
 - Transparency in general.
 - Strategic Plan.
 - VP Enrollment Management position and its importance to TAMUCC growth.
 - Faculty and Staff merit is priority.
 - Deferred Facility Maintenance Plan is in progress. Will identify which labs need renovation, chillers, etc.
 - Generators on campus. Working with HEB and Buckies generator supplier to get the same setup they have on campus.
- An informal discussion with Q&A topics included:
 - Salary Savings and if this could be more streamlined among colleges/units.
 - Salary savings is used to support summer school. Currently, we are trying to hardline summer school into our budget.
 - Can there be a change on the State's side on Graduate pay.

- No.
- Discussion about undergraduate scholarships.
- Discussion about formula funding and students.
- Discussion about adjusting how senior courses are offered.
- Time & Effort discussion
- Post tenure process discussion regarding release time.
- How can CPIRA help you with the research culture on campus?
 - Finding/ identifying issues. If something impacts one person, it likely impacts others.
- Why is Del Mar tuition lower?
 - Funded with our property tax.
- Why can Del Mar build so easily?
 - We need state approval.
- Discussion about people serving on committees and the information not getting disseminated to the people they represent.
- Emerging Research University will become a sub goal in our revised strategic plan.
 - ERU is political and a moving target.

Meeting called to order by Phyllis at 11:34 am.

2. Agenda was approved

- **MOTION: First-Brandi, Second-Gail, All in favor.**

3. May 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved

- **MOTION: First- Jim, Second-Mark, All in favor.**

4. Alternates introduced.

1. Nail Durham (Tianxing Chu) and Mary Jane Hamilton (Elizabeth Sefcik) introduced themselves.

5. CPIRA Committee Updates- all Chairs gave an overview of the charge of their committee.

1. Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - Brien gave an update that all new FY20 members have been announced.
 - If any member is interested in being the FY20 Vice-Chair.
2. Research Administration Development & Training
 - Research week will begin 10/21/2019.
 - CPIRA Forum is scheduled for 10/22/2019 starting at 3 or 4 pm. This will be a social event.
3. Roles & Responsibilities
 - No report
4. Facilities
 - Gail is setting up quarterly meetings with Jaclyn.
5. Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - Meeting to discuss survey results with Dr. Mahdy is scheduled for July 8 2019 at 2 pm.
6. Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Graduate pay plan is still in the works.

6. Discussion about classrooms going through compliance to bring animals and algae into the classroom.

7. Discussion about Undergraduate Research Week.

8. Discussion about CPIRA committee structure. Phyllis asked the members if their committee has been sunsetted to please get on another committee.

9. Hiring Status for AVP for R&I

- Recommendation for hire has been made.

10. Research Liaison

- Serve at the discretion of the CIPRA Chair.

11. TAMU-CC CIPRA News Story

- Draft is complete. Article will run August 2019.

12. Other Business

- Adobe Creative Cloud
 - TAMUCC bought the license.
 - You will be allowed two downloads.
- Discussion that faculty does not know what the expectations are now we have reached R@ statning.
- FTE 9-month appointments.

13. Adjourn: 12:38 p.m.

1. MOTION: First-Mark, Second-Gail, All in favor..