Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
November 21, 2019 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
HRI 127

MINUTES

Attendees: Erin Hill, Mark Besonen, Jim Lee, Carmen Osier, Sarah Scott, Michael Starek, Trent Thigpen, Tianxing Chu, Theresa Garcia, Dorina Murgulet, Toyin Ajisafe, Jordan Greer, Gina Glanc, Mike Wetz; Riccardo Mozzachiodi, Nandi Chetden, Phyllis Robertson, Dugan Um

Absent:

Alternates: Bryan Gillis (James Rizzo), Tony Phan (Jocelyn Gutierrez), Aaron Baxter (Brien Nicolau), Chris Byrd (Brandi Reese), Matt Stryke (Jud Curtis), Mary Jane Hamilton (Heather DeGrande)

Guests: Jaclyn Mahlmann

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker**: *Ms. Jaclyn Mahlmann, Vice President for Finance and Administration, TAMUCC (15-minute presentation, 10-minute Q&A)*

   - Ms. Mahlmann introduced herself and gave a presentation on IDC distribution for FY2019.
     - Presentation was emailed to Council.
   - New IDC rates: FY2020 is 37%, FY2021 37.5%, and FY 2022 38.0%.
   - She gave detail of IDC distribution by division/department. See presentation.
   - Discussion and questions about opportunities for improvement on campus included: facilities, bursting pipes, building air conditioning issues, start up spaces for new faculty, Maestro, IDC rates, low IDC rate for state agencies.
   - Continued discussion about electrical outages and upgrading labs. Campus is in a three phase AEP project to upgrade electrical system; two phases have been completed.
   - University is still looking into a microgrid. If power is lost the university would be run on natural gas.

Meeting called to order by Sarah at 11:25 am.

2. **Agenda was approved**

   - **MOTION: First-Mark, Second-Mike, All in favor with the change above.**

3. **September 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved**

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

4. **Alternates introduced.**

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

   - Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures

- CPIRA (Riccardo and Tianxing) is reviewing the External Faculty Fellowships and Awards document.
  - Research Administration Development & Training
    - Jim Lee, Chair, gave and update on the committee's work on the CPIRA forum.
    - CPIRA Forum was 10/23/2019.
    - 53 attendees
    - Next Research Week is October 19-23, 2020.
    - Discussion: Does Research Week need to be an entire week?
  - Roles & Responsibilities
    - No report
  - Facilities
    - Setting up a meeting with John Dawson.
  - Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
    - Trent gave an overview of the committee's work and creating "Teams" with Colleen from R&I.
    - Survey results were given to R&I.
  - Graduate Recruitment & Retention
    - Mike gave an update on committee's last meeting.
    - Tentative Graduate Tuition plan will be introduced January 2020.
    - Continued discussion on the different needs of colleges.
    - Dean McCaleb has extended invitations to CPIRA to join their meetings.
  - Research Liaison
    - Phyllis met with Andy Piker, Ombudsman.
    - There is a need on campus for a Research Ombuds.

6. **Other Business**
   - College, Center, and Unit Research Plans and IDC Policies have been submitted to R&I.
   - Cindy Lyle has left TAMUCC to work with Sea Grant in College Station.
     - Discussion: Can CPIRA have input on her position description announcement?
   - Research Café discussion.
   - 15K is now available for open access publishing.
     - Cate Rudowsky from the library is coming to March 2020 CPIRA Council meeting.
     - Suggestion: Also invite Alexa Hight from the library to the March 2020 meeting.
       - **VOTE: CPIRA will establish an ad hoc committee on Open Access Issues. First order of business is to develop questions for Cate Rudowsky in March.**
       - **MOTION: First-Jim, Second-Phyllis, All in favor**
   - Data Sciences Learning Lab is now available, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3-6pm.
     - Data lab is open to faculty.
     - Suggestion: Ask Ed Warga if he is open to give data help via WebX?
   - Data Science CoP for spring 2020. Applications are open through 11/22/19. There is a $500 stipend.
   - Discussion about Immigration. Send specific issues to Carmen by the end of January 2020.
   - Center for COLA, CONHS, COEHD
     - Center theme is being revised and developed.
   - Giving Tuesday is 12/3/2019, CPIRA is asked to participate.
   - Council signed a card for Liz Sefcik, Regents Professor.
   - **MOTION: Cancel December 19, 2019 Council meeting. First-Phyllis, Second-Riccardo, All in favor**

7. **Adjourn: 12:19 p.m.**
   - **MOTION: First-Carmen, Second-Brien, All in favor.**