

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
May 21, 2020 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
WEBEX

MINUTES

Attendees: Jim Lee, Sarah Scott, Trent Thigpen, Tianxing Chu, Theresa (Terrie) Garcia, Dorina Murgulet, Toyin Ajisafe, Jordan Greer, Riccardo Mozzachiodi, Phyllis Robertson, Brien Nicolau, Jud Curtis, Erin Hill, Mike Wetz, Michael Starek, Gina Concannon, Mark Besonen, Gina Glanc, Jocelyn Gutierrez, Heather DeGrande, Nandi Daru, James Rizzo, Carmen Osier, Dugan Um

Absent: Brandi Reese

Alternates:

Guests: Alexa Hight

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker:** *Dean McCaleb will reschedule her visit with CPIRA in Fall 2020.*
2. **Meeting called to order by Sarah at 11:00 am.**
3. **Agenda was approved**
 - **MOTION: First-Gina G., Second-James, All in favor.**
4. **February 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved**
 - **MOTION: First- Terrie, Second-Trent, Heather abstain, All in favor.**
5. **Alternates/Guests introduced.**
 - Alexa Hight, TAMU-CC Scholarly Communications Librarian, visited with CPIRA asking if there is interest in Code Ocean and/or Protocol.io. Both are collaborative platforms for research. If there is a CPIRA rep who would like to attend a demo contact Alexa or Sarah. <https://www.protocols.io/>
<https://codeocean.com/>
6. **Ex-Officio Senate Updates**
 - No updates.
7. **R&I Updates**
 - COVID-19
 - President's meeting today will discuss returning to campus protocols.
8. **CPIRA Committee Updates**
 - Research Administration Development & Training
 - Research Week is moved to April 2021.
 - Sarah asked the committee to decide if the Forum should also move to April.
 - Committee has sent professional training recommendations to Colleen.
 - Facilities
 - Committee is working on a survey.
 - Please send any issues to Gail and/or Sarah.

- Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - Trent is meeting regularly with Colleen.
 - R&I offered quarterly updates on internal policy changes.
 - Trent added Comment/Suggestion Box to the CPIRA website. Chair and Coordinator will receive comments.
 - Sarah asked the committee to draft an announcement for that feature.
 - Trent has the CPIRA website up-to-date.
 - R&I asked for feedback on Lunch & Learns.
- Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Suggestion to setup a Webex with Dean McCaleb.
 - Reach out to faculty experiencing issues with COVID and graduate students.
- Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - Elections complete.
 - New Representatives: Dr. Faye Bruun (COEHD) and Dr. Xinping Hu (COSE).
- Open Access
 - OA report was sent to Council and discussed at meeting.
 - Total of \$27,000 dispersed through OA for 15 publications.
 - There were requests that could not be funded.
 - TAMU has \$100,000 available and they exhaust those funds.
 - Sarah asked committee to draft a letter of support for OA funds.
 - Availability of OA funds for FY21 is uncertain.

9. Other Business

- Returning to Campus
 - June 2020 will begin the first phase of faculty and staff returning to campus.
- CPIRA Webex Lunch & Learn
 - Sarah and Mark held a CPIRA Lunch & Learn, 5/13/2020. Introduced CPIRA to attendees and held a Q/A.
- TAMUCC Internal Funding
 - If you need an extension with your College Research Enhancement Funds, contact your Dean.
 - If you need an extension with University Funds contact Dan R. and Colleen.
- R&I Lunch and Learn and Research Cafes
 - R&I asked if there is interest in Research Cafes.
- R&I Searches
 - Compliance Coordinator: Position is filled.
 - Research Development Officer: Position remains open. Please encourage people to apply.
- Pivot and Spin Trials
 - Both are databases for research.
 - 13 volunteers from campus participated in the trial.
 - R&I is currently leaning towards Pivot due to usability and features.
 - Please send comments to Dan (R&I) by 5/29/2020.
 - Report will be sent to Council after meeting.
- CPIRA Committee Structure
 - R&I will now send OSRA internal policy changes to the OCSP committee for review.
- IACUC/IRB
 - CPIRA will be scheduling a Compliance Town Hall with Rebecca, committee chairs, and compliance staff.

- It is possible for PI's to attend compliance committee meetings. SOP's for attendance will be distributed after the meeting.
- CPIRA Budget
 - No update.
- Summer Fellows Program
 - All applicants were from COSE and CLA.

10. Adjourn: 11:36 am.

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