

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
June 18, 2020 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
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MINUTES

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

Absent: Brandi Reese, Mike Wetz

Alternates: Aaron Baxter (Brien Nicolau), Devon Steffan (Michael Starek)

Guests: Alexa Hight

Quorum present

1. Guest Speaker: *Catherine Rudowsky, Dean of Libraries, TAMU-CC and Alexa Hight, Scholarly Librarian Communications, TAMU-CC (15-minute presentation, 10-minute Q&A).*

- Presentation included what the TAMU-CC library offers to students, researchers, staff, and faculty.
 - Institutional repository of all thesis, graduate projects by college. Also includes all publications from all units.
 - Open access.
 - Data management planning.
 - DOI.
 - Copyrights.
 - Reputation management.
 - Sherpa and Romeo are databases to search journals.
- Discussion about the collection development policy supporting student curriculums.
- Discussion about inflation in Elsevier's cost. A coalition of Texas universities (A&M included) is trying to negotiate cost with Elsevier.
- Discussion about Open Access Publishing. TAMU offers \$100K and funds run out in six months. TAMU-CC offered \$27K last year and funds ran out.
 - TAMU-CC library intends to continue OA funds.
 - TAMU-CC OA funding limit is \$3K per request.
- Discussion about predatory journals.
 - These journals would not meet the OA criteria to receive funds.
 - OA guide has information about predatory journals.
 - If a journal asks for a submission fee it is likely a predatory journal.

2. Meeting called to order by Sarah at 11:30 am.

3. Agenda was approved

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

4. February 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with correction to Judd Curtis's name.

- **MOTION: First- Phyllis, Second-Toyin, Heather abstain, All in favor.**

5. Alternates/Guests introduced.

- Aaron Baxter alternate for Brien Nicolau.
- Devon Steffan alternate for Michael Starek.

6. Ex-Officio Senate Updates

- Senate meetings resumed April 2020 and next meeting scheduled for August 2020.
- Senate has been busy with planning faculty instruction for fall 2020.
- Discussion about results of Faculty Senate survey.
 - Survey results will be shared with campus.
 - A student survey was conducted in COSE. About half of students want face-to-face classes. Graduate students favor online classes.
- Discussion about requesting disinfecting supplies from EHS.
 - Request form is vague and gives no information as to what supplies are available or quantity.
 - CPIRA will request modifying the form and posting it on the EHS website.

7. CPIRA Committee Updates

- Research Administration Development & Training
 - Research Week is moved to April 2021.
 - Theme is Impact of the Global on Local: Preparedness, Mitigation, and Resiliency.
- 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 and Colleen are scheduling when quarterly updates will be given to CPIRA.
 - Comment/Suggestion Box on the CPIRA website received two suggestions.
 - 1st: Open CPIRA meetings to campus and announce meeting information.
 - Meetings are open to campus.
 - 2nd: Road between NRC and Boat Barn has major pot holes that need to be repaired.
 - Repair request has been submitted (one month ago) but still is not repaired.
 - Committee reviewed OSRA's new handbook and sent comments to OSRA. Thank you!
 - Trent has the CPIRA website up-to-date.
- Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Discussion and concern regarding international graduate students being required to take classes on campus during fall 2020.
- Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - No update.
- Open Access
 - **Vote: Are all in favor of sharing CPIRA's letter of support with Academic Affairs, R&I, and TAMU-CC library to continue OA funds? All in favor, one abstains.**
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee is out of sunset.
 - Changes to matrix need to be reviewed with regards to the federal changes to export control, foreign influence, and financial conflict of interest.
 - Toyin, Heather, Tianxing, and Jordan volunteered to sit on committee.

8. Other Business

- R&I Lunch and Learn and Research Cafes
 - R&I Lunch and Learns will continue.
 - Previous Lunch & Learns are archived and available online.
 - Half day workshop with Lucy Deckard is being scheduled.
 - Sarah will send out a poll to get CPIRA's feedback on the best date/time for workshop.
- R&I Searches
 - Research Development Officer: Closed. Search committee is reviewing applications.
- Impact of COVID-19 on Research Productivity
 - Faculty can request a one year extension on the tenure clock. Spring teaching evaluations do not count.
 - Other concerns: online teaching, child care, online office hours, faculty evaluations, adjunct faculty.
 - Discussion about indirect impacts on research.
 - Class overloads.
 - Unknowns about fall schedule.
 - Discussion about Faculty Senate COVID-19 Survey.
 - Did not address research directly.
 - Faculty did mention lack of summer research time, lack of conferences, inability to maintain research.
 - TAMU conducted a system-wide survey of Impact of COVID-19 on Research.
 - They will share the findings with Sarah in mid-July.
- **MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING TO 1245: First-Riccardo, Second-Gina G. All in favor.**
- Code Ocean and Protocols.io
 - Judd participated in the trial demonstrations of both platforms.
 - Platforms are an online attempt to make your research protocols more transparent.
 - Online repository for research protocols where others can make comments.
 - Both can be used for teaching.
 - Code Ocean seems to be more inclusive and can link methods and results.
 - \$10-\$15K annual fee for platform chosen.
- Gift Money
 - Question was asked about who receives gift money? This item will be put on R&I/CPIRA agenda.
 - Policies and Procedures mentions gift money but it is unclear as to who receives it and why.
- Vice Chair Nominations
 - Please send nominations to Sarah and Erin by 7/1/2020.
- Compliance
 - System has delayed compliance software purchase.
 - Rebecca is testing REDCap as a temporary alternative.
- CPIRA Budget
 - No update.

9. Adjourn: 12:51 p.m.

- **MOTION: First-Toyin, Second-Terrie, All in favor.**