

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
November 19, 2020 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
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MINUTES

Attendees: Mark Besonen, Sarah Scott, Trent Thigpen, Tianxing Chu, Toyin Ajisafe, Jordan Greer, Faye Bruun, Erin Hill, Gina Concannon, Gina Glanc, Heather DeGrande, Nandi Daru, Carmen Osier, Aaron Baxter, Michael Starek, Dorina Murgulet, Joseph Mollick, Ruby Mehrubeoglu, Alexa Hight, Mike Wetz, Judd Curtis, Theresa (Terrie) Garcia, Daniel Newmire

Absent: Jeffrey Turner, Dugan Um

Alternates: Tony Phan (Jocelyn Gutierrez)

Guests: Karen McCaleb

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker:** *Karen McCaleb, Dean of College of Graduate Studies, TAMU-CC (15-minute presentation, 10-minute Q&A).*
 - Dean McCaleb's presentation included:
 - Current graduate student enrollment numbers.
 - Numbers of graduating students, 2017-2020.
 - Provided information on fellowships, scholarships, Assistantships, and Financial Support available to students through COGS.
 - Provided information on the GROW Workspace located on the second floor of the Bell Library.
 - Discussion about SAGE Fellowships.
 - SAGE Fellowships are funded with State money and cannot be rolled over to a new year.
 - COGS is looking into other funds for SAGE that are not restricted.
2. **Meeting called to order by Mark at 11:32 am.**
3. **Approve Meeting Agenda.**
 - **MOTION: All in favor.**
4. **Approve October 2020 Meeting Minutes**
 - **MOTION: All in favor with one typo.**
5. **CPIRA New Representatives**
 - Daniel Newmire is the new COEHD rep with term through 2022, replaced Toyin Ajisafe.
6. **Alternates/Guests introduced.**
 - Tony Phan alternate for Jocelyn Gutierrez.
7. **Ex-Officio Faculty Senate Update(s)**
 - Discussion(s)
 - Senate working on criteria for faculty reviews.

- TAMUCC received notice that university mascot is objectionable/offensive to Pacific Island culture/people. Mascot may change.
- Discussion on how complaints with faculty will be handled.

8. Ad-hoc Scholarly Librarian Update(s)

- Open access funds are now available, \$30K.

9. CPIRA Committee Updates

- Research Administration Development & Training
 - No update.
- Facilities
 - Jeffrey is scheduling quarterly meetings with Dawson.
- Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - **Federal Demonstration Program**
 - Ruby M. is the faculty FDP representative.
- Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Committee developed Graduate Student Survey and will be sent out this week.
- Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - Tianxing is the new committee Chair.
 - COSE special election was held last week.
 - Jeffrey Turner is the new COSE representative.
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee is still waiting on R&R matrix from R&I to review changes.

10. Other Business

- R&I Lunch and Learn, Research Cafes, and Webinars
 - Fall 2020 schedule is posted.
- FY21 Research Enhancement Fall Competition
 - Four recipients received funding.
 - COB did not submit a proposal.
 - Please send feedback to Mark or Colleen.
- Impact of COVID-19 on Research Productivity
 - Full TAMU system survey report has not yet been released for public review.
 - Sarah is working with R&I on a campus survey to identify impacts of COVID on research.
- R&I Staff
 - Three positions open in R&I are posted.
 - One (1) RDO candidate interviewed.
- Communication
 - Communication is still being discussed with R&I.
- Compliance
 - CPIRA task force is planning a town hall with the compliance office.
 - Town hall will be open to all faculty, research staff, and research administrators.
 - Discussion about IRB issues and using drones in research.
- Digital Web Platforms/Tools Supported by TAMUCC
 - CPIRA will invite Ed Evans to a Spring Council Meeting.
- CPIRA Budget
 - No update.
- December 2020 Council Meeting
 - Cancelled.

11. Adjourn: 12:26 p.m.

- MOTION: All in favor.