

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2021 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
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MINUTES

Attendees: Mark Besonen, Sarah Scott, Trent Thigpen, Jordan Greer, Erin Hill, Gina Concannon, Carmen Osier, Ruby Mehrubeoglu, Judd Curtis, Theresa (Terrie) Garcia, Daniel Newmire, Jocelyn Gutierrez, Tianxing Chu, Dugan Um, Michael Starek, Joseph Mollick, Heather DeGrande

Absent: Faye Bruun, Dorina Murgulet, Alexa Hight, Gina Glanc

Alternates: Keisha Bahr (Jeffrey Turner), Ursula Brady (Nandi Daru), Xiping Hu (Mike Wetz)

Guests: Dean Catherine Rudowsky

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker:** *Catherine Rudowsky, Dean of Libraries, TAMU-CC (15-minute presentation, 10-minute Q&A).*
 - I. Dean Rudowsky's presentation included an update on Elsevier, other journals, and Green Open Access.
 - Elsevier
 - In depth discussion about how Elsevier's publishing works. Including estimated profit margins, market shares.
 - TAMU-CC may drop Elsevier due to not being transparent about prices.
 - 43 Texas universities have joined together to negotiate with Elsevier.
2. **Meeting called to order by Mark at 11:24 am.**
3. **Approve Meeting Agenda.**
 - I. **MOTION: All in favor.**
4. **Approve February 2021 Meeting Minutes**
 - I. **MOTION: All in favor with one edit.**
5. **Alternates/Guests introduced.**
 - I. Keisha Bahr (Jeffrey Turner)
 - II. Ursula Brady (Nandi Daru)
 - III. Xiping Hu (Mike Wetz)
6. **Ex-Officio Faculty Senate Update(s)**
 - I. Discussion(s)
 - Approved Enhancement Program
7. **Ad-hoc Scholarly Librarian Update(s)**
 - I. No update
8. **CPIRA Committee Updates**
 - I. Research Administration Development & Training

- RA training this coming Friday afternoon with OSRA. Contact Carmen if you are interested. This was a NCURA recommendation.
- II. Facilities
 - No update.
- III. Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - No update.
- IV. Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Sarah gave an overview presentation of graduate student COVID-19 impact survey data.
 - Presentation will be shared with Council.
- V. Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - No update
- VI. Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee is still waiting on R&R matrix from R&I to review changes.

9. Other Business

- I. R&I Updates
 - R&I Staff
 - OSRA Director: position is open.
 - International Compliance: position will be opening soon.
 - R&I Contract Specialist: job announcement was sent out by Fitzgerald.
 - CCCR Director: job position is open but was not sent out to campus faculty/staff.
- II. Compliance
 - Discussion of current compliance issues impacting researchers.
- III. Impact of COVID-19 Survey
 - Survey for faculty and staff is being worked on.
- IV. Scientific Diving Safety & Maintenance
 - A special taskforce (David Y., Larry, Rebecca) has been created in R&I to review the changes and CPIRA was asked to join the committee.
 - Continued discussion about the new dive fees.
- V. Intellectual Property
 - Continued discussion about who has the rights to products and teaching material.
 - Mark met with Sharmeen about IP.
 - CPIRA committee was created: James, Ruby, and Mark. They will setup another meeting with R&I.

10. Adjourn: 12:24 p.m.

- **MOTION: All in favor.**