

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
April 15, 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, Judd Curtis, Theresa (Terrie) Garcia, Daniel Newmire, Tianxing Chu, Dugan Um, Michael Starek, Joseph Mollick, Heather DeGrande, Faye Bruun, Dorina Murgulet, Alexa Hight, Gina Glanc, Jeffrey Turner, Mike Wetz

Absent: Jocelyn Gutierrez, Ruby Mehrubeoglu

Alternates: Kevin Villeda (Nandi Daru)

Guests: None

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker: No guest speaker**
2. **Meeting called to order by Mark at 11:01 am.**
3. **Approve Meeting Agenda.**
 - I. **MOTION: All in favor.**
4. **Approve March 2021 Meeting Minutes**
 - I. **MOTION: All in favor.**
5. **Alternates/Guests introduced.**
 - I. Kevin Villeda (Nandi Daru)
6. **Ex-Officio Faculty Senate Update(s)**
 - I. Dorina will no longer be the Faculty Senate Ex-Officio. Friday is her last day on Senate.
2. **Ad-hoc Scholarly Librarian Update(s)**
 - I. Open Access funds are still available.
 - II. Code Ocean and Protocol I.O. demos are available to try out.
3. **CPIRA Committee Updates**
 - I. Research Administration Development & Training
 - Committee is working on the CPIRA Forum.
 - No date has been set for Research Week or CPIRA Forum.
 - II. Facilities
 - Committee is working with Dawson to prioritize facility projects.
 - Jeffrey asked for more CPIRA Reps to joining this committee.
 - III. Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - No update.
 - IV. Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Committee is meeting next Tuesday morning to develop recommendations for/to the Graduate Student Survey.

- V. Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - Elections are coming up.
 - Sharmeen is working on an up-to-date PI Census list.
- VI. Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee is still waiting on R&R Matrix and OSRA Handbook from R&I to review changes.

4. Other Business

- I. R&I Updates
 - R&I Staff
 - OSRA Director: position is open.
 - Mark is on Search Committee.
 - Export Control: position will be opening soon.
 - R&I Contract Negotiator Specialist II: job announcement was sent out by Fitzgerald.
 - CCCR Director: job position is open but was not sent out to campus faculty/staff.
 - R&I will oversee this position.
 - TCRF Grants
 - TCRF money is available.
 - CPIRA will be co-hosting two TCRF workshops next week. Mark asked Council to send the workshop announcement to their colleagues.
- II. Compliance
 - Discussion of current compliance issues impacting researchers.
- III. Impact of COVID-19 Survey
 - Survey for faculty and staff is being worked on by CPIRA and possibly jointly with R&I and Faculty-Senate.
- IV. Scientific Diving Safety & Maintenance
 - A special taskforce has been created in R&I to review the changes and CPIRA was asked to join the committee.
 - Mark is on this committee.
 - Continued discussion about the new dive fees.
- V. Intellectual Property
 - Continued discussion about who has the rights to products and teaching material.
 - CPIRA committee was created: James, Ruby, and Mark. This committee will be meeting with R&I the first part of May 2021.
- VI. TAMUCC Institutional Software Survey
 - Discussion about software allowed to use during COVID.
 - IT sent out an institutional software survey.

5. Adjourn: 12:12 p.m.

- **MOTION: All in favor.**