

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
May 20, 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, Michael Starek, Joseph Mollick, Faye Bruun, Celil Ekici, Gina Glanc, Jeffrey Turner, Mike Wetz, Jocelyn Gutierrez, Ruby Mehrubeoglu, James Rizzo

Absent: Alexa Hight, Nandi Daru, Heather DeGrande, Dugan Um

Alternates: Erin Hill (Aaron Baxter)

Guests: None

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker: No guest speaker**
2. **Meeting called to order by Mark at 11:02 am.**
3. **Approve Meeting Agenda.**
 - I. **MOTION: All in favor.**
4. **Approve April 2021 Meeting Minutes**
 - I. **MOTION: All in favor.**
5. **Alternates/Guests introduced.**
 - I. Erin Hill (Aaron Baxter)
6. **Ex-Officio Faculty Senate Update(s)**
 - I. Celil Ekici is the new Faculty Senate Ex-Officio.
2. **Ad-hoc Scholarly Librarian Update(s)**
 - I. No update
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
 - Working on CPIRA Teams data infrastructure.
 - IV. Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Committee finalized graduate student survey report 5/10/2021.
 - Report included suggestions and was sent to upper administration.
 - V. Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures

- Elections are under way in CONHS, COB, and COLA.
- COB is getting one new 'fixed seat'.
- Committee is working on a SOP for election processes.

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 and Gina C. is on Search Committee.
- Interviews are taking place.

▪ Export Control:

- No update.

▪ R&I Contract Negotiator Specialist II:

- No update.

▪ CCCR Director:

- Positions is still open.
- 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 jointly with R&I and Faculty-Senate.

IV. Scientific Diving Safety & Maintenance

- Ad hoc committee has met three times to review the diving safety fee changes.
- Mark is on this committee.

V. Intellectual Property

- CPIRA meeting with R&I to discuss IP issues 6/2/2021.

VI. TAMUCC Website

- New website templates will be launched this summer.

VII. July Council Meeting

- Cancelled.

5. **Adjourn: 11:49 a.m.**

- **MOTION: All in favor.**