

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
August 19, 2021, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
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MINUTES

Attendees: Mark Besonen, Trent Thigpen, Jordan Greer, Erin Hill, Gina Concannon, Daniel Newmire, Tianxing Chu, Michael Starek, Joseph Mollick, Faye Bruun, Celil Ekici, Gina Glanc, Jeffrey Turner, Ruby Mehrubeoglu, Aaron Baxter, Alexa Hight, Heather DeGrande, Nandi Daru, Sarah Scott, Mike Wetz, Carmen Osier, Patricia Spaniol-Mathews, Feiqin Xie

Absent: Patrick Crowley

Alternates: Devon Steffan (James Rizzo)

Guests: Jennifer Epley, Deanna Crites, Xinping Hu,

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 August 2021 Meeting Minutes**
 - I. **MOTION: All in favor.**
5. **Alternates/Guests introduced.**
 - I. Devon Steffan (James Rizzo)
6. **New CPIRA Representatives**
 - a. Jennifer Epley COLA
 - b. Patrick Crowley COB
 - c. Joseph Mollick COB
 - d. Deanna Crites CBI
 - e. Xinping Hu HRI
 - f. Devan Steffan CBI
 - g. Feiqin Xie COSE
 - h. CONHS- open seat-election is underway
7. **Ex-Officio Faculty Senate Update(s)**
 - I. Discussion about remote learning for FY22.
 - II. Senate and CPIRA working on PI COVID survey.
2. **Ad-hoc Scholarly Librarian Update(s)**
 - I. Open Access Funds: accepting applications for FY22.
 - Open Access Fund Amount: 30K
 - 3K available per author per article.
3. **CPIRA Committee Updates**

- I. Research Administration Development & Training
 - Committee needs a new Chair.
- II. Facilities
 - Jeffrey is attending monthly facility meetings with Dawson.
 - Jeffrey asked for more CPIRA Reps to join this committee.
- III. Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - No update
- IV. Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - In depth discussion about TA's and overloads.
- V. Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - Election results summarized (See bullet 6).
 - New CONHS member starting 9/2021.
- VI. Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee is still waiting on R&R Matrix and OSRA Handbook from R&I to review changes.
 - Committee needs a new Chair.

4. Other Business

- I. R&I Updates
 - R&I Staff
 - OSRA Director:
 - Gina Concannon serving as Interim Director.
 - Her start date is 8/16/2021.
 - 6-month appointment.
 - Export Control:
 - No update.
 - R&I Contract Negotiator Specialist II:
 - Search abandoned.
 - CCCR Director:
 - Search failed.
 - Post Award Specialist
 - Position will be announced soon.
 - Grants & Contract Analyst
 - New R&I position that will be posted soon.
- II. CBI
 - CBI is now a university level institute.
- III. University Strategic Plan
 - Plan is in revision.
 - Mahdy asked CPIRA to review the early draft of plan, CPIRA agreed.
 - CPIRA will create an ad-hoc committee to address plan.
- IV. Compliance
 - Discussion of current compliance issues impacting researchers.
 - Mark sent a letter to Rebecca with PI concerns.
 - In depth discussion about compliance concerns.
- V. Impact of COVID-19 Survey
 - Survey for faculty and staff is being worked on by CPIRA and jointly with Faculty-Senate.
- VI. Scientific Diving Safety & Maintenance
 - Ad hoc committee has met three times to review the diving safety fee changes.
 - A report was drafted but has not been released.
 - No major updates.

VII. Intellectual Property

- Suggestion to host a Townhall meeting with R&I on IP issues.

VIII. September Council Meeting

- Meetings will continue to be virtual.

IX. CPIRA Representatives

- Mark thanked all the reps whose term has expired.
- CPIRA thanked Mark and Mike for their leadership in FY21.
- Mike Starek is the new FY22 Chair, Ruby Mehrubeoglu is the new FY22 Vice-Chair.

5. **Adjourn: 12:20 pm.**

- **MOTION: All in favor.**