

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
February 17, 2022, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Mark Besonen, Trent Thigpen, Jordan Greer, Erin Hill, Daniel Newmire, Tianxing Chu, Michael Starek, Joseph Mollick, Faye Bruun, Gina Glanc, Ruby Mehrubeoglu, Aaron Baxter, Alexa Hight, Heather DeGrande, Nandi Daru, Carmen Osier, Patricia Spaniol-Mathews, Patrick Crowley, Devon Steffan, Feiqin Xie, Deanna Crites, Xinping Hu, Kyoung Eun (Kelly) Lee, Jennifer Epley-Sanders, Pablo Rangel

Absent: Jeffrey Turner

Alternates: Aimee West (alternate for Mike Wetz), Christopher Hempstead (alternate for Nandi Daru)

Guests:

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker:** Joe Miller, Director of Research Engagement, TAMU-CC. 20-minute presentation with 10- minute Q/A.
 - Mr. Miller gave a presentation of ‘what can the university do to better help you reach your external engagement goals?’
 - Presentation included:
 - 1.Mr. Miller gave an introduction to his background and work at TAMU-CC.
 - 2.How you can create public impact.
 - 3.His office changed its name in 2021 to ‘Research Engagement’
 - 4.His office took on the Broader Impacts initiative in 2017. And took on the goals below:
 - Impact Multiplier Grant Program
 - Support junior faculty
 - Goal to do good in the community
 - Shine a positive light on those helping our community
 - 5.Islander Impact Council (external relations taskforce recommended by this council).
 - 6.Asset Mapping (TAMU-CC Research Information Ecosystem-Who does what on campus).
 - 7.Island Extension Service (In the process of development)
 - 8.Broader Impact Toolbox available on ORE website.
 - 9.Encourages to start with Broader Impacts first in proposal development.
2. **Meeting called to order by Mike at 11:34 am.**
3. **Approve Meeting Agenda**
 - **MOTION: All in favor.**
4. **Approve January 2022 Meeting Minutes after two edits.**
 - **MOTION: All in favor.**
5. **Alternates/Guests introduced.**
 - Aimee West (alternate for Mike Wetz)

- Christopher Hempstead (alternate for Nandi Daru)

6. Ex-Officio Faculty Senate Update(s) (Pablo)

1. Shared the weblink to the survey on faculty salaries publication.
2. Updated on COS and COE Dean searches.
3. Discussion about all states are showing student university enrollment is down.
4. Webex has been phased out completely.
5. Update on disruptive student policies.

7. Ad-hoc Scholarly Librarian Update(s) (Alexa)

1. OA funds have an additional \$12,500 added to the pot. Funds came from Library, Provost, and R&I.
2. Due to lack of participation, workshops will be held when 'on demand' to specific to units. This request link will be added to the library's website.

8. CPIRA Committee Updates

1. Research Administration Development & Training
 - Research Week is tentatively scheduled for the end of March 2022.
 - Dan posted the link in the chat giving information about the Student Research Symposium that is in development.
2. Facilities
 - Committee is prioritizing action items.
 - RO maintenance responsibility is in question.
 - PENS chemistry lab(s) are in need of a generator.
3. Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - Committee is researching alternate channels to communicate research on campus.
4. Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Continued Discussion: The low pay to graduate students and lack of tuition support and stipends which renders TAMUCC not competitive compared to other institutions.
 - Discussion about current inflation that is drastically impacting the US.
 - Committee will develop a student survey to address this issue and compare GA and RA salaries among other R2 and R1 universities.
5. Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - Committee is working on an election SOP.
6. Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee met this week.
 - Still reviewing the new matrix from Michigan.
 - Note: the current matrix on the R&I website is outdated.

9. Other Business

1. R&I Updates
 - i. R&I Staff
 - AVP for Research
 - Finished interviewing six (6) candidates.
 - Three (3) will be picked by next week for interviews.
 - OSRA Director
 - Position is posted.
 - COSE
 - Two (2) new Dean positions are posted for the colleges: (1) Science and (2) Engineering

- Dr. Mahdy is sitting as Interim Dean for COSE.

2. Compliance

- Doodle Poll was sent to Council to set a date and time for the Compliance Meeting with Rebecca Ballard.
- An update was given on current compliance issues.

3. Impact of COVID-19 Survey

- Survey is complete and will be sent out soon.

4. R&I Toolbox Documents

- Mike thanked CPIRA for their feedback on the toolbox documents.
- CPIRA is still reviewing the NSF templates R&I sent.

5. March Council Meeting Guest

- Provost Phillips

6. Other Items

- None

10. Adjourn: 12:28 pm.

- **MOTION: All in favor.**