

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
April 21, 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, Gina Glanc, Ruby Mehrubeoglu, Alexa Hight, Heather DeGrande, Nandi Daru, Carmen Osier, Patricia Spaniol-Mathews (Pat), Patrick Crowley, Devon Steffan, Feiqin Xie, Deanna Crites, Xinping Hu, Kyoung Eun (Kelly) Lee, Jennifer Epley-Sanders, Pablo Rangel, Mike Wetz, Aaron Baxter, Jian Sheng

Absent: Faye Bruun

Alternates:

Guests: Joshua Gonzalez

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker:** Jaclyn Mahlmann, VP for Finance & Administration, TAMU-CC. 20-minute presentation with 10- minute Q/A.
 - Ms. Mahlmann gave a presentation on Indirect Cost (IDC) Allocations and shared her PowerPoint with Council.
 - Presentation included:
 1. Current IDC the university incurs from research is 38%.
 - Next IDC negotiation meeting is Spring 2022 and if a new rate is decided will go into effect August 2022.
 - TAMU-CC receives 50% of IDC. The other 50% is distributed among PI's and colleges/centers.
 - The 50% of IDC received by the university is divided:
 - a. 13% to VP R&I
 - b. 13% to OSRA
 - c. 8% to ORC
 - d. 4% to Provost & Academic Affairs
 - e. 12% to Finance & Administration
 - In 2021, \$1,448,758 was received by TAMU-CC in IDC.
 - Full IDC is generated from Federal grants.
 - Other research support comes from tuition costs.
 2. Opportunities for improvement.
 - Generators will soon be in NRC and CS buildings.
 - 12/26/2022 – 12/30/2022, campus will have a full power outage to upgrade the system isolate areas when power outages occur.
 - Discussion:
 1. Discussion about graduate student stipends and lack of support.
 - SAGE program started two years ago and supports recruitment for PhD students.
 - a. Program is for three years and covers tuition and fees.

- b. SAGE creates a disparity between the incoming and existing students.
Existing students are not eligible for SAGE.
- Tuition and fees will not increase next year (FY 2023) by system.
- If the university has more money, it will go to merit for employees

2. Meeting called to order by Mike at 11:32 am.

3. Approve Meeting Agenda

- **MOTION: All in favor.**

4. Approve March 2022 Meeting Minutes.

- **MOTION: All in favor.**

5. Alternates/Guests introduced.

- Guest: Joshua Gonzalez, Director IT

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

1. Faculty Senate held a special meeting 3/25/2022. Will meet again 4/29/2022.
2. Faculty Senate is meeting with Provost 4/18/2022.
 - a. Pablo will send their questions for the Provost with CPIRA.
3. Faculty Senate is meeting with President Miller 5/4/2022.

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

1. OA funds: 9K available for the rest of this year.
2. Alexa will send the OA survey link to Council.

8. CPIRA Committee Updates

1. Research Administration Development & Training
 - CPIRA Forum and Student Symposium were both successful.
 - Next Student Symposium will host all colleges.
2. Facilities
 - Committee is prioritizing action items.
 - Working on a proposal to receive grant money for facility issues.
3. Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - Committee is researching alternate channels to communicate research on campus.
 - There is discussion about having a communication summit.
4. Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Student survey has ended, and data needs to be analyzed.
 - Report will be complete ~ in Summer 2022.
5. Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - Committee is working on an election SOP.
 - COSE new member is Jian Sheng (term up in 2024).
 - Voting for new CPIRA Reps will be August 2022.
 - Bylaws need to be revised to address the units that now fall under R&I.
6. Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee met Tuesday 4/19.
 - Taking a new approach in reviewing/revising the new matrix.
 - Waiting until a new OSRA Director is hired.

9. Other Business

1. R&I Updates

i. R&I Staff

- AVP for Research
 - Search committee provided administration with their recommendation.
- OSRA Director
 - Search failed.
- COS Dean
 - No update.
- COE Dean
 - Candidates interviewing next week.

2. Compliance

- Compliance Q/A Meeting on 4/14/2022 went very well.
- Mike and Carmen will be compiling all questions and issues and send to Dr. Mahdy.
- **Compliance Committee needs to be established in CPIRA.**
- Discussion about TAMU-CC Compliance Office is being ran like an R1 or prestigious medical university.
 - TAMU-CC does not have the infrastructure to have such rigor compliance.
- Phlebotomy on campus has been shut down.

3. Impact of Faculty COVID-19 Survey

- Survey has been approved and will be sent out 4/25/2022.

4. FDP

- Ruby asked council to update your work ID.

5. May Council Meeting Guest

- None

6. Open to Council

- Trent- IACUC and IRB Team Channels are available, please use them.

10. Adjourn: 12:17 pm.

- **MOTION: All in favor.**