

Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
June 16, 2022, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Zoom

MINUTES

Attendees: Jordan Greer, Erin Hill, Daniel Newmire, Tianxing Chu, Michael Starek, Gina Glanc, Ruby Mehrubeoglu, Alexa Hight, Carmen Osier, Patricia Spaniol-Mathews (Pat), Devon Steffan, Feiqin Xie, Deanna Crites, Xinping Hu, Pablo Rangel, Mike Wetz, Jian Sheng, , Heather DeGrande, Aaron Baxter, Patrick Crowley

Absent: Mark Besonen, Trent Thigpen, Faye Bruun, Nandi Daru Kyoung Eun (Kelly) Lee, Joseph Mollick, Jennifer Epley-Sanders

Alternates:

Guests:

Quorum present

1. **Guest Speaker:** President Kelly Miller, TAMU-CC CEO, 20-minute presentation with 10- minute Q/A.
 - President Miller thanked CPIRA for all their work and talked with them about the following items:
 1. TAMU-CC is the 2nd leading institution in the A&M system.
 2. Launching the TAMU-CC Strategic Plan this Fall 2022 at the Faculty and Staff Meeting. Four imperatives:
 - Student Success- includes student recruitment and retention, support high quality faculty.
 - Impact of Engagement- Community impacts/research and raise the university profile.
 - Service Excellence- Improve university processes and services, i.e. travel.
 - Impact of Innovation- Build an ecosystem of TAMU-CC being the research capitol of the region.
 3. Splitting the COSE into two colleges: College of Science and College of Engineering.
 4. Facilities and the Internal Master Plan that includes buildings and labs that need to be renovated.
 5. Faculty and Staff Equity priorities. Adjuncts will be next.
 6. Need for graduate student funding support.
 - Discussion/Questions:
 1. Continued discussion about TAMU-CC being the 2nd leading institute in the system and emerging research institute status.
 2. Continued discussion about the need to support graduate students with tuition and fees. Discussed SAGE support.
 3. Can we share journal subscriptions with TAMU?
 - Yes, we do share subscriptions with College Station.
 4. Discussed Higher Education Legislature Funding for this year.
2. **Meeting called to order by Mike at 11:34 am.**
3. **Approve Meeting Agenda**

- **MOTION: All in favor.**

4. Approve May 2022 Meeting Minutes. One misspelling of name.

- **MOTION: All in favor.**

5. Alternates/Guests introduced.

- None

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

1. None

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

1. Thank you to council who took the OA survey.
2. New OA Policies
 - a. Funds will be released per quarter rather than one chunk.
 - b. Authors can apply only once per quarter.
3. OA funds available is 5K until August 31, 2022.

8. CPIRA Committee Updates

1. Research Administration Development & Training
 - No update
2. Facilities
 - Committee is prioritizing action items.
 - Working on obtaining generators in NRC and CS.
3. Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
 - Committee is researching alternate channels to communicate research on campus.
4. Graduate Recruitment & Retention
 - Working on survey results/data.
5. Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
 - Committee is working on an election SOP.
 - Elections underway.
 - Nine (9) Council seats will be up for vote.
 - One (1) RA seat is up.
 - Committee is working on revising the bylaws.
6. Roles and Responsibilities
 - Committee completed edits to the matrix and sent it to R&I.

9. Other Business

1. R&I Updates

i. R&I Staff

- AVP for Research
 - Dr. Donaldson is the new AVP.
- OSRA Director
 - Search is underway.
- COS Dean
 - No update.
- COE Dean
 - Dr. Ma is the new Dean of Engineering. He is from University of Hawaii.
- Research Specialist IACUC
 - Hired
- Research Specialist IRB

- Hired.
- 2. Compliance
 - Discussion of recent compliance issues.
 - R&I is open to an external review of Compliance on campus.
 - **Compliance Committee needs to be established in CPIRA.**
- 3. Impact of Faculty COVID-19 Survey
 - Survey is closed.
 - 130 responses.
- 4. CPIRA FY23 Chair
 - Ruby Mehrubeoglu
- 5. CPIRA FY23 Vice-Chair
 - Jennifer Epley Sanders
- 6. July Council Meeting
 - Cancelled

10. Adjourn: 12:18 pm.

- **MOTION: All in favor.**