

Meeting Notes

Monday, October 26, 2015

12:00 am-1:30 pm – Room 801 Harrington

Members Present	Members Unable to Attend	Others Present
Mary Margaret Capraro - TLAC Robert Capraro – TLAC Nathan Clemens - ESPY James Fluckey – HLKN Beverly Irby - EAHR Jennifer Ganz – EPSY Oi-Man Kwok - EPSY Deb Simmons – EPSY Hersh Waxman - TLAC Christopher Woodman – HLKN		Joyce Alexander George Cunningham Jesus Palomo Windy Turner
Agenda Item	Comments	Recommendations/Actions/Follow-up
I. Introduction of New CPI Council – Simmons	New members: Nathan Clemens (EPSY) Beverly Irby (EAHR) Chris Woodman (HLKN) Robert Capraro (TLAC) Hersh Waxman (TLAC) All members introduced themselves and shared their research interests	
II. Vision for CPI – Alexander Grant and Contract Support - Cunningham	Grant Support: Alexander noted that in her interview process and from the CPI survey, the college consensus is that grant support is insufficient. Over the summer, she met with the ten most funded individuals from the college to gather information. She also met with Center Directors and CPI members. She wants to enhance grant support through “hot spots” across the college	CPI will review documents and provide input on the emerging grant support plan. Professional Development Leave: CPI will develop examples or philosophy behind research-directed professional development leave.

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	<p>and each would include support in the areas of grant writing, research/outreach/partnerships, pre/post award, payroll, interface with SRS, budget updates, and human subject's payments. Cross-training would provide more consistent support throughout the CEHD. Once the new structure is in place, PIs will use new resources for grant support. A proposal is being developed and will be presented to center directors and CPI for review and comment. Hires are anticipated to be made over the summer 2016 with a fully operational plan in place by fall 2016. The committee working on this proposal is directed by G. Cunningham. Members are N. Deutz, H. Waxman, D. Simmons, and K. Wijekumar.</p> <p>Low Indirect Cost Grants: Dr. Cunningham reported that the majority of CEHD grants receive 0% indirect and that the majority of PIs do not submit preproposal forms. There was discussion that 0% IDC grants need to be analyzed for their contribution. Going forward PIs planning to submit low indirect cost grant proposal should have a conversation with their department head. Some low IDC project will allow you to building in support through payroll and PIs should incorporate this into budgets.</p> <p>Voluntary Cost Share: Cunningham reported that voluntary cost share will not be supported by the college. There was discussion that there are some mechanisms/language that can be used in proposals to indicate contributions; however, formal cost share agreements will not be supported.</p> <p>Professional Development Leave: Alexander reported that in the past, the college has not taken full advantage of this opportunity. She wants to change the process of</p>	

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	<p>PDL to elevate research. She asked the CPI to develop examples of potentially fundable PDL that focus on research. She encouraged PIs to apply for PDL.</p> <p>Providing incentives for faculty to submit proposals: Alexander is open to hear ideas on this matter; no plan in place at this time.</p>	
III. Goals for CPI – Cunningham	Goals are best set by the unit seeking to achieve them, the PI survey results do point to things this body can address, defer to the group to set their own goals.	This item was deferred to later meetings.
IV. Election of Vice Chair and Department Representatives – Simmons	<p>Jennifer Ganz (EPSY) – Chair Elect</p> <p>Department Reps: Chris Woodman (HLKN) Mary Margaret Capraro (TLAC) Beverly Irby (EAHR) Oi-man Kwok (EPSY)</p>	The role of department representatives is to take issues back to respective departments to share and gather information to bring back to the CPI group. Find a mechanism for sharing information within your department, i.e., attend department program meetings, faculty meetings, etc.
V. Review of Bylaws - Simmons	<p>The following changes were proposed and approved by the council:</p> <p>Change number of times the council meets from minimum of six times annually to minimum of four times annually.</p> <p>Change elections from being held in September of each year to the last week of April of each year.</p>	Amended bylaws will be presented to Dean’s Council for consideration at the November meeting.
VI. Review Slide Presentation of CEHD Survey Responses	Will be discussed at November meeting.	
VII Identify Priorities for Fall/Spring CPI		Look through four sets of action items (see handout) and identify items that will not be addressed by the dean’s proposal for a new infrastructure and be prepared to discuss at the November meeting.

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VIII. Dissemination of Information		
A. Department Reports		
B. Dean's Council - Simmons		
C. University Research Council - Cunningham		
D. University CPI - Ganz	<p>Ganz encouraged faculty to view the slides from Dr. Laine's presentation related to changes to SRS. Based on the CPI survey 70-100 issues will be addressed and prioritized. One goal is to reframe the project administrators' roles and move away from the conveyor belt system. Interim funding from federal sponsors will now be automatic.</p> <p>Question: How is SRS paid for their services?</p>	<p>PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Laine beginning on page 7: http://cpi.tamu.edu/archives/CPI_10.14.2015.1.pdf</p> <p>Video of meeting: http://mediamatrix.tamu.edu/streams/544126/TAMU_Council_of_Principle_Investigators_Meeting_10-14-15</p> <p>Answer: SRS is paid for their services out of the 60% of indirect cost returns that are returned to TAMU.</p>
E. Other		<p>Jim Fluckey and Catherine Higgins with IRB will present at the November meeting. Faculty will be invited to attend this presentation. Please submit questions in advance no later than November 16 to whollis@tamu.edu</p>

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, November 23 from 12:00-1:30 in 801 Harrington

Monday, December 7 from 12:00-1:30 in 801 Harrington