

CEHD CPI



Agenda

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

12:00 pm-1:30 pm – Room 211 Heaton Hall

- I **Follow-up on CEHD Guideline on Indirect Costs, Salary Savings, and Course Buy-Outs– Ganz**

- II. **Catapult Application Review – Turner**
 - a. Deadline November 16 at noon

- III. **Dissemination of Information**
 - a. Department Reps (Fluckey, Irby, M. Capraro, Kwok)
 - b. Dean’s Council – Ganz
 - c. University Research Council – Turner
 - d. University CPI – Kwok
 - e. Other

Future Meeting Dates

Tuesday, December 6 from 12:00-1:30 in 211 Heaton Hall

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Council of Principal Investigators - College of Education & Human Development



Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

12:00 am-1:30 pm – Room 211 Heaton Hall

Members Present	Members Unable to Attend	Others Present
Mary Margaret Capraro - TLAC Robert Capraro – TLAC Tim Elliott - ESPY Jennifer Ganz – EPSY Beverly Irby - EAHR Oi-Man Kwok - EPSY Mike Massett - HLKN Hersh Waxman - TLAC Christopher Woodman – HLKN	Daniel Bowen - EAHR James Fluckey – HLKN	Amy Jurica Hinnant Jesús Palomo Sharmila Pathikonda Windy Turner
Agenda Item	Comments	Recommendations/Actions/Follow-up
I. Follow-up on CEHD Guidelines on Indirect Costs, Salary Savings, and Course Buy-Outs – Ganz	<p>Positive progress has been made regarding this guideline since the last meeting. See Dean Alexander’s email communication with Dr. Ganz, can be found at the end of these minutes. Nine faculty and two departments were identified as having balances above \$20,000 for individuals and above \$100,000 for the departments. Discussions are taking place with Department Heads to have them work with the faculty to generate a plan to spend down their balances. CPI feels this is a more targeted approach.</p> <p>There was discussion whether CPI wanted to make recommendations to the guidelines now, but it was decided to table the issue until the spring semester.</p>	<p>Department reps are asked to bring this topic up for discussion at their faculty meetings to see if PIs would like CPI to take any action in terms of suggesting modifications to the guidelines. Also please check with the financial staff in the department who maintain these accounts.</p> <p>Faculty and department business staff will be invited to attend and share their experiences at the February meeting.</p>

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II. Catapult Application Review	Reminder that the deadline to submit review sheets is November 16 at noon.	
III. Dissemination of Information		
A. Department Reports	No reports	
B. Dean’s Council - Ganz	No other information other than was previously discussed	
C. University Research Council – Turner	<p>URC has established three working groups: a) SRS functions, b) foundations as a source of funding, and c) centers and institutes – promoting research collaborations. Gerianne Alexander of Liberal Arts is representing the URC on the SRS TAMU Stakeholders Committee. This group is working on 86 recommendations for improving SRS functions.</p> <p>Glen Laine announced preliminary list of integrated research focus areas that are designed to leverage existing strengths of research across TAMU units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Data Science (including cybersecurity*) b) Water/food/energy Nexus c) Global health security (against infectious disease, includes vaccine production) d) Precision medicine* e) Autonomous systems (like self-driving cars) f) Smart energy grid g) Healthy aging* h) Leadership* <p>The new IRB Office director is in the process of being hired and will be officially announced very soon.</p>	CPI members are asked to review this list to identify connections for faculty in their department. Areas indicated with a * could possibly be addressed by CEHD researchers.
D. University CPI – Kwok	The new IRB director is from the University of Maryland. SRS reported that they are improving services and their turn over rates are much lower than	

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	<p>they were this time last year. The new account set up team at SRS should be operating by the end of this year and should speed up account set up time. There is a new service to help faculty members promote their research and connect with journalist, workshops will be offered in the near future.</p>	
E. Other	<p>Robert Capraro serves on the system level task force review team for Maestro. It has been hard getting feedback from constituents. Six faculty regularly attend the meeting and the rest are administrators. Maestro can now be viewed on mobile devices. It is important that you share your concerns about Maestro either through Dr. Capraro or directly to the task force.</p> <p>Concern expressed over IRB issues: CPI decided to invite the new director to the April CPI meeting. Questions will be gathered and provided to the director in advance. All faculty will be invited to participate.</p> <p>December CPI meeting is cancelled.</p>	

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To: [Ganz, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Susan Bloomfield](#); [Bennett, Suprena D](#); [Kreider, Richard](#); [Fred Muya Nafukho](#); [Hagan-Burke, Shanna](#); [De Miranda, Michael A](#)
Subject: RE: IDC and CPI charge
Date: Monday, November 7, 2016 3:35:07 PM

The policy is meant to be just that – a guiding policy. And, while the amount might be randomly chosen, the principles are the same as those in the written document. This doesn't feel worthy of modifying the policy, but CPI could choose to bring a modified policy forward.

Yes, for now the 20K seems the right amount of money and those balances will be left alone. We'll also work with the individuals with those longer grants on an individual basis.

Best, Joyce

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Subject: RE: IDC and CPI charge

Hello Dean Alexander,

This seems very reasonable to me. I'll share with CPI at the next meeting.

Will there be discussion at the Dean's Council about slightly modifying the policy to reflect this approach and should we take this to mean that those with balances smaller than \$20K will be left alone (with the caveat that they are encouraged to spend the funds)?

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Subject: IDC and CPI charge

Jeni,

We've done a thorough review of all the IDC and salary savings accounts in the college. There are in total 9 faculty and two departments with "held monies" above \$20,000 for individuals and above \$100,000 for departments. We plan to share this information with department heads and have them work with faculty to generate a plan to spend down their balances in a reasonable amount of time. So, while there is significant monies being held, it is (in general) held in only a few places. I think working this way is smarter and more efficient than trying to raise anxieties by talking about taking back monies to be reinvested. Of course, this does not negate the policy itself, so we should all be aware that avoiding large balances in IDC or salary savings accounts is preferred.

At this time, I think we will pull this off CPI's agenda CPI believes that would be prudent. Given the small number of faculty, we anticipate creating individualized spending plans.

Do you agree? Feel free to share this email with CPI members for their input.

Joyce

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