

## Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 21, 2019

11:45am-1:15pm – 801A Harrington

Members Present	Members Unable to Attend	Others Present
Mack Burke, EPSY Fuhui Tong, EPSY Mary Alfred, EAHR Christine Stanley, EAHR Marielle Engelen, HLKN Tamika Gilreath, HLKN Steven Riechman, HLKN Kausalai Wijekumar, TLAC	Jamilia Blakely, EPSY Gwen Web-Hassan, EAHR Trina Davis, TLAC Joanne Olson, TLAC	Sue Bloomfield, CERD Pre Award Rafael Lara-Alecio, EPSY (University CPI Rep.) Jesus Palomo, CERD Pre Award Thessalenuere Bernard, CERD Pre Award
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I. Welcome/ Review of Minutes	Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2019 were approved.	The members were reminded that the minutes are listed on the College CPI website.
II. Updates/ Follow Up from Previous Meeting	<p>The search for a Research Development Officer in the College of Education Research and Development Office has been reopened due to a failed search. Three applicants have applied and interviews are scheduled to begin before the Holiday break with a potential start date in January.</p> <p>Discussion regarding “Changes to Mandate and Guidelines for Payment of Tuition and Fees for Texas A&amp;M PhD Graduate Assistants”. It was stressed that this document is CONFIDENTIAL and should not be copied/share; however, feel free to discuss the content/context with colleagues. An official document is forthcoming.</p>	

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	<p>The majority of the discussion focused on PhD GARs (externally funded grants and contracts, where the granting agency permits payment of required fees). Without College Support, Tuition and Fees for one semester (9 credits) totals \$3,711.80.</p> <p>As of Fall 2020, these fees will be required, with the exception of agencies that prohibit tuition assistance. It was highlighted that very few funding agencies prohibit tuition assistance.</p> <p>Dr. Lara-Alecio questioned the level of involvement at the university/institutional-level.</p> <p>Dr. Stanley stated that this does not incentivize PIs.</p> <p>Dr. Burke expressed that the University has a great reputation for supporting Undergraduate students but not graduate students.</p> <p>Dr. Stanley asked Dr. Bloomfield if there are issues at the University level. Dr. Bloomfield stated that OGAPS plays a part, indeed, but this is most definitely a research issue.</p> <p>There was a consensus that an investment is needed to strengthen graduate education.</p> <p>Dr. Burke emphasized that, unlike some other Tier 1 schools, we have never been able to guarantee four years of funding- which is a major recruiting tool.</p> <p>Dr. Wijukimar suggested that the concerns/issues need to put in writing; therefore, a letter should be written (to create impact) and signed by all CEHD CPI members.</p>	<p>Dr. Burke stated that talking points would be created and circulated for the letter.</p> <p>Dr. Wijukemar agreed to draft the letter.</p> <p>Once drafted, the letter will be circulated for signatures.</p>

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	<p>Dr. Tong expressed that it appears that there is an “expectation” once they know you can get research dollars.</p> <p>Dr. Stanley reiterated that this does not meet the standards of other Research I institutions.</p> <p>Dr. Lara-Alecio questioned why there is no representation on the Executive Committee at the University CPI level. Dr. Stanley and Wijukemar agreed that there needs to be representation at the table.</p> <p>Dr. Bloomfield suggested talking with the University CPI Char to determine what can be done. Draft/Write letter and address it to the University Research Council (copy Dr. Bloomfield). The letter needs to be sent to the highest level for maximum impact. It was noted that CEHD might be the only College that has a College-Level CPI.</p> <p>Dr. Alford asked how engaged are the other Deans and Dr. Bloomfield provided an overview of how funds are distributed by OGAPS.</p> <p>Dr. Stanley suggested that they should ask to have the letter added to the agenda at the next Dean’s Council meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Wijukemar stated that she does not like to “meet to meet”, it is time to put things into action.</p> <p>Dr. Lara-Alecio asked what should be included in the letter:</p> <p>...make a formal complaint against payment of Fees</p>	

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	<p>...to create and sustain high caliber program, we must support graduate research</p> <p>...in keeping up with other Tier 1 institutions</p> <p>...we are not against tuition assistance, but the University needs to step up and provide support for graduate research</p> <p>Dr. Burke stated that talking points would be created and circulated for the letter.</p> <p>Dr. Bloomfield shared that the next Dean's Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on the first Tuesday.</p>	<p>Ask to be included on the agenda of an upcoming Dean's Council meeting.</p>
<p>III. Election of Vice Chair</p>	<p>A quick overview of the vice chair responsibilities was shared with the group.</p> <p>Nominations for the Vice Chair were made for Jamilia Blake and Tamika Gilreath. An election will be held in early 2020.</p>	<p>The election is to be completed via Qualtrics between Jamilia Blake and Tamika Gilreath.</p>
<p>IV. College R&amp;D Office Updates</p>		
<p>V. Summer Salary Discussion (Continuation)</p>	<p>Continued discussions are being held.</p> <p>Dr. Bloomfield took the group's talking points, regarding the alleged university regulation limiting salary support covered by external grants and contracts over the summer, to the URC Executive Committee.</p> <p>It has not been announced; however, the academic calendar may now start in mid-August through mid-May. A possible driver for this may be that faculty were being asked to prepare for the semester in August but they were not being compensated to do so. In some</p>	<p>Dr. Bloomfield will keep everyone updated, as information is made available.</p>

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	<p>cases, new hires were not paid until September. The Provost may be making a final decision soon.</p> <p>If this moves forward, the concern about the “2.5 summer months” and changes in the academic calendar may be a moot point because there will only be 2.5 months between mid-May and mid-August.</p>	
<p>VI. DeBakey Institute Opportunity</p>	<p>Dr. Burke suggested that faculty encourage all students to get involved. This is primarily for undergraduate students</p> <p>The premise is to manage research projects with the first cohort in January.</p>	
<p>VII. Other Announcements/Updates</p>	<p>Discussion of future meeting dates/time.</p>	<p>Kristy will be asked to create/send a doodle poll for possible dates in early February and April with a priority for Thursdays from 11:45am-1:15pm.</p>