Council of Principal Investigators and Research Administrators
Monthly Meeting
November 19, 2020 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
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Absent: Jeffrey Turner, Dugan Um

Alternates: Tony Phan (Jocelyn Gutierrez)

Guests: Karen McCaleb

Quorum present

1. Guest Speaker: Karen McCaleb, Dean of College of Graduate Studies, TAMU-CC (15-minute presentation, 10-minute Q&A).
   • Dean McCaleb’s presentation included:
     ▪ Current graduate student enrollment numbers.
     ▪ Provided information on fellowships, scholarships, Assistantships, and Financial Support available to students through COGS.
     ▪ Provided information on the GROW Workspace located on the second floor of the Bell Library.
   • Discussion about SAGE Fellowships.
     ▪ SAGE Fellowships are funded with State money and cannot be rolled over to a new year.
     ▪ COGS is looking into other funds for SAGE that are not restricted.

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

3. Approve Meeting Agenda.
   • MOTION: All in favor.

4. Approve October 2020 Meeting Minutes
   • MOTION: All in favor with one typo.

5. CPIRA New Representatives
   • Daniel Newmire is the new COEHD rep with term through 2022, replaced Toyin Ajisafe.

6. Alternates/Guests introduced.
   • Tony Phan alternate for Jocelyn Gutierrez.

7. Ex-Officio Faculty Senate Update(s)
   • Discussion(s)
     ▪ Senate working on criteria for faculty reviews.
TAMUCC received notice that university mascot is objectionable/offensive to Pacific Island culture/people. Mascot may change.
Discussion on how complaints with faculty will be handled.

8. Ad-hoc Scholarly Librarian Update(s)
   - Open access funds are now available, $30K.

9. CPIRA Committee Updates
   - Research Administration Development & Training
     No update.
   - Facilities
     Jeffrey is scheduling quarterly meetings with Dawson.
   - Operations & Communications for Sponsored Projects
     Federal Demonstration Program
     Ruby M. is the faculty FDP representative.
   - Graduate Recruitment & Retention
     Committee developed Graduate Student Survey and will be sent out this week.
   - Bylaws, Elections, Rules, & Procedures
     Tianxing is the new committee Chair.
     COSE special election was held last week.
     Jeffrey Turner is the new COSE representative.
   - Roles and Responsibilities
     Committee is still waiting on R&R matrix from R&I to review changes.

10. Other Business
    - R&I Lunch and Learn, Research Cafes, and Webinars
      Fall 2020 schedule is posted.
    - FY21 Research Enhancement Fall Competition
      Four recipients received funding.
      COB did not submit a proposal.
      Please send feedback to Mark or Colleen.
    - Impact of COVID-19 on Research Productivity
      Full TAMU system survey report has not yet been released for public review.
      Sarah is working with R&I on a campus survey to identify impacts of COVID on research.
    - R&I Staff
      Three positions open in R&I are posted.
      One (1) RDO candidate interviewed.
    - Communication
      Communication is still being discussed with R&I.
    - Compliance
      CPIRA task force is planning a town hall with the compliance office.
      Town hall will be open to all faculty, research staff, and research administrators.
      Discussion about IRB issues and using drones in research.
    - Digital Web Platforms/Tools Supported by TAMUCC
      CPIRA will invite Ed Evans to a Spring Council Meeting.
    - CPIRA Budget
      No update.
    - December 2020 Council Meeting
      Cancelled.
11. Adjourn: 12:26 p.m.

- MOTION: All in favor.