

Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 9, 2017

11:00 am-12:30 pm – 211 Heaton Hall

Members Present	Members Unable to Attend	Others Present
Daniel Bowen – EAHR Trina Davis - TLAC Tim Elliott - EPSY Oi-Man Kwok - EPSY Mike Massett – HLKN Matt Walker - HLKN Gwen Webb-Hasan, EAHR Christopher Woodman – HLKN	Robert Capraro – TLAC Jennifer Ganz – EPSY Hersh Waxman - TLAC	Sue Bloomfield Jesus Palomo Gabe Rivera Windy Turner
Agenda Item	Comments	Recommendations/Actions/Follow-up
I. Election of Vice Chair and Department Representatives	No volunteers for nomination	Windy Turner to send Qualtrics survey to vote for all eligible CPI reps to serve as Vice Chair – Tim Elliott from EPSY was elected
II. Review of the College of Science’s GA Maternity Leave Guideline	See handout. The Childbirth Accommodation was discussed at the Dean’s Council meeting and it was felt this would be beneficial to the PIs and Gas. This accommodation would apply to all graduate students. If the GA is paid on external funds, you must follow the rules of the funding agency. Most have a policy for time off or alternate duties. There should be some altered duties so the job/assistantship can be maintained.	Read over the accommodations and if you see the need for substantial changes, email Dan Bowen.
III. Course Buyout Questions from November Dean’s Council Meeting	The Dean charged each department head to come up with a uniform policy because each department had their own guidelines. CPI needs to be proactive about inserting themselves into the discussion. Someone	

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	<p>from CPI needs to be present at all Dean's Council meetings. All new funding as of January 1, 2018 will require the new buyout guideline.</p>	
<p>IV. FYI From your College R&D Office</p>	<p>Introduction of Gabe Rivera the new Research Development Officer assisting HLKN and EAHR. Jesus Palomo conducted a workshop on Contract Negotiations and Award Setup and Amy Hinnant has a presentation planned on Outreach Options!</p> <p>There were 26 Catapult applications, 2 of which were center focused. November 27th is the deadline for reviews, all reviewers were encouraged to keep in mind that their comments would be shared upon request by the applicants.</p>	
<p>V. Dissemination of Information</p>		
<p>A. Department Reports</p>	<p>HLKN: Huffines Institute is having outside speakers for a TED talk November 17</p> <p>See handout for HLKN faculty mentoring</p> <p>EAHR: Department head search ongoing</p>	
<p>B. Dean's Council - Bowen</p>	<p>Announcement made of Triad Grants (t3.tamu.edu) which are university wide grants to facilitate interdisciplinary research. They are accepting ideas/projects/expertise from December through the end of February. Projects have to be something new, existing collaborators can be used but you must propose a new idea. Deadline is February 28 and will the selections will be in a lottery format and each team should include one assistant professor. This program will go on for the next three years.</p>	

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C. University Research Council – Bloomfield	Ongoing effort for all associate dean's for research to meet with candidates for the VP for Research. Public forums will be open to all faculty. Discussion of being strategic when approaching foundations to fund projects. The VPR will develop a logical process on how to develop limited submission so we maximize opportunities to foundations.	
D. University CPI – Kwok	See handout.	
E. Other		