CPI





Meeting Notes

Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:00 am-12:30 pm – 211 Heaton Hall

Members Present	Members Unable to Attend	Others Present
Jamilia Blake, EPSY	Matt Walker, HLKN	Suprena Bennett
Daniel Bowen, EAHR	Kay Wijekumar, TLAC	Sue Bloomfield
Mack Burke, EPSY		Clayton Hollie
Trina Davis, TLAC		Oi-Man Kwok, EPSY (Univ CPI)
Tim Elliott, EPSY		Rafael Lara-Alecio, EPSY (Univ CPI)
Marielle Engelen, HLKN		Gabe Rivera
Tamika Gilreath, HLKN		Windy Turner
Joanne Olson, TLAC		
Steven Riechman, HLKN		
Gwen Webb-Hasan, EAHR		
Agenda Item	Comments	Recommendations/Actions/Follow-up
I. Introduction of Members	Introductions were made around the table	See handout – CPI Bylaws
II. Election of Vice Chair	Mack Burke, EPSY was elected as Vice Chair	
III. Updates from CERD Post-	Clayton Holle presented PowerPoint presentation (see	CPI members are asked to share the CERD
Award Business Office	handout for copy of slides). Question was posed	website with their colleagues: cerd.tamu.edu
	about the need for resources and space as more	
	projects are funded. Bennett noted that those are two	Consideration will be given to sharing this
	of the biggest challenges. WorkDay added additional	presentation during department/program
	business processes behind the scenes and the Dean is	meetings as well as additional ways to
	looking for an off campus building to address our need	communicate this information
	for additional space.	(videos/flyers/website)
	Bloomfield reported that Kimber Vannest, the	
	Leadership Development Fellow in Research, is on a	
	listening tour meeting with new faculty members to	

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	ask what they need, what they need to learn, what	
	help they need to support their research, etc.	
IV. CPI Priorities/Issues to be Addressed	Covered in University CPI report and Bloomfield report.	
V. FYI From your College R&D Office	Bloomfield is working with other social science deans to propose changes to the VPR Research Development Fund (RDF).	CPI members are asked to bring ideas about how they could use RDF to advance programs to national prominence (i.e., teacher preparation in k-12, funding for development of products to be
	 The University Research Council (URC) that Bloomfield attends monthly are addressing: Support for center and institutes Exploring foundations a sources of funding Career investment (associate profs) Promoting activity in key research areas that move A&M into national prominence (cybersecurity, global health, and sustainable living) Olson discussed an article she read recently on the death of the disciplines as people and departments are moving to an interdisciplinary model. 	piloted)
	Discussion of X awards, who reviewed applications and provided comments. Bloomfield to follow up.	
VI. Dissemination of Information	provided comments. Biodifficia to follow up.	
A. University CPI –	The university CPI has formed three subcommittees:	Possible future presentation by TAMU
Kwok/Lara	 Improving research personnel recruitment 	Technology Commercialization
	 Enhancing interdisciplinary research 	http://techtransfer.tamu.edu/
	 Improving core labs and resources 	
		See handout from Gilreath concerning 2019
	Other items that are being discussed are:	Entrepreneurship Training Program for
	 IRB policies, procedures and other SAP 	

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	• Space	Substance Abuse Researchers at Yale on April 1-
	• IDC	5.
	Additional topics of conversation are	
	commercialization of research/products and effort	
	that leads to tenure. There is also discussion taking	
	place about support of GAs, terminal master degrees,	
	and charging for research space.	
B. Dean's Council - Elliott	Bloomfield will be working on revising the space	
	allocation document for the college. She will provide a	
	draft to CPI to review prior to presenting to Dean's	
	Council.	
C. University Research	Previously covered in Bloomfield report above.	
Council – Bloomfield		
D. Department Reports		
E. Other	Burke brought up the subject of requesting the use of	
	restricted data sets. He is looking to access IES data	
	sets and they are very stringent in terms of security	
	parameters. Olson recommended contacting the	
	Texas Research Data Center, which provides secure lab	
	space in their building for data sets, they are located in	
	the Donald L. Houston Building on west campus.	