

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

11:30am-1:00pm – Zoom Online Meeting

Members Present	Members Absent	Others Present
Marc Goodrich, TLAC Margaret Quinn, TLAC Ben Herman, TLAC Luis Ponjuan, EAHR Valerie Hill-Jackson, EAHR Zhe Wang, EPSY	Deanna Kennedy, KNSM Rick Kreider, KNSM Florina Erbeli, EPSY Laci Watkins, EPSY	Ann Savell, CEHD REO Amy Jurica, CEHD REO Clayton Holle, CEHD Research Finance Paul Hernandez, University CPI Representative

Agenda

I. Introduction of Members

- As the elected chair for this year has been asked to serve in an interim department head role and is no longer eligible to serve on the CEHD CPI, Dr. Marc Goodrich agreed to lead the first meeting of this year's council as Immediate Past Chair.
- The vacant chair position will be on the agenda to discuss in this meeting, in addition to electing the vice chair.
- The new members were introduced.

II. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Upon motion duly made and seconded, the notes of the April 9, 2024 meeting were approved. Minutes will be posted at this link: <https://reo.tamu.edu/cehd-cpi/>

III. Updates from Interim Associate Dean for Research

- Dr. James Fluckey was unable to attend due to the Research Staff Symposium occurring at the same time. Ann Savell provided updates:
 - The CEHD Research Staff Symposium is being hosted on 10/29/24 to gather research staff from centers and institutes together.
 - The CEHD Research HR points of contact are now Tracy Vann and Jordan Adams.
 - A survey on SRS and Contracts Experiences was sent to the CEHD faculty. Please respond with your experiences working with SRS. Dr. Fluckey will provide the results to the Dean. Dr. Fluckey is on a task force formed to address issues with contracts, and these results will contribute to that.

IV. Updates from REO (CEHD Research Enterprise & Outreach)

- Ann Savell provided updates:

- The CEHD CPI meeting schedule for 2024-2025 has been altered due to the delay in electing a CPI chair. The next meetings dates will be arranged at a later period.
- Last year, we had discussed having one meeting be open to PhD students.
 - This will be added to the agenda for the next CPI meeting so we can discuss parameters around who should be invited so we can keep the topics relevant. This would be a PD opportunity for the graduate students; they would gain exposure to the process and can discuss their journey.
 - We can send out a survey, including a brief description of the purpose of CPI, invite them to attend a future meeting and RSVP ahead of time if they intend to discuss a topic.
- The last CPI meeting of the year will be an in-person meeting/reception.
- Workshops/Presentations from REO:
 - Past Workshop on IRB: Huron
 - Past Workshop on USDA – a first by CEHD, it was offered jointly with the College of Agriculture to provide the opportunity to collaborate.
 - Coming up on November 6th - NSF grant writing workshop, Rudder Tower Room 401. Link to rsvp: https://tamucehd.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bDEqhAjGTel7K4e
 - Coming soon – a focus group between our CEHD faculty and the Texas A&M Innovation group to determine the licensing/marketing needs for our research.
- Internal Funding Competitions:
 - Catalyst Fund – to support interest groups. Open submission window.
 - Emerge: AI – new rapid response opportunity from the Dean. Recently closed, proposals are now in review.
 - Catapult – FY25 cycle due October 25th.
 - Dr. Ponjuan recommended that, because Catapult offers such needed PD of junior faculty, there should be an analysis done on rank, gender, identity, department we are seeing applications from to see if there are faculty reluctant to apply.

V. Updates from CEHD Research Finance

- Clayton Holle gave the following updates from his team:
 - Clayton is moving into the role of Associate Director of Finance, and his office is doing some cross-training with other finance roles in the Dean's office to create some efficiencies.
 - Modesta Molina will now be the formal lead of the Research Finance team. You can still reach out to Clayton if needed while Modesta is settling in.
 - The CEHD Research Finance staff is presenting at the Research Staff Symposium today.

- If you see training opportunities available for Chrome River, please take it. This is our new travel reimbursement software.

VI. Updates from University CPI

- Dr. Paul Hernandez noted the monthly University CPI meeting will occur.
 - There have been many updates from the university CPI, which can be found in the newsletter that goes out.
 - Please let him know if there is anything that needs to be taken to the university CPI.

VII. Establish CPI Priorities and Issues to be Addressed 2024/2025

- a. Dr. Marc Goodrich started the discussion on potential priorities for this year's CPI. Given what has come out of the past subcommittees, does the CEHD CPI want to continue those same subcommittees or do we want to consider other priorities and initiatives:
 - Do we want to focus on engaging junior faculty in grant opportunities, providing PD for junior faculty?
 - There was a suggestion that we have a conversation around impacts and effects of SB-17 on research. It has created resistance and a chilling effect on research and participation, even when that research is allowed. It would be beneficial for us to have OGC and VPR to come to our college to have a Q&A and provide clarity about what research can continue/occur, and how to combat the misinformation that surrounds the research.
 - It was determined that a needs assessment will be a good place to start.
 - It was agreed that this should be the priority for this year and next year.

VIII. Discussion on Chair Vacancy and election of Vice Chair for 2024-2025

- a. Because many of the members from the council were not present at this first meeting, it was determined that we should not nominate or vote on the CPI Chair and Vice Chair roles at this time. It was agreed that REO will issue a survey listing who is eligible to serve in the Chair roles based on the bylaws, allowing the council to select their nominees by rank order and ask those eligible if they are willing to serve. REO will then share the results.

Minutes and Suggestion Box for topics are available on the [CEHD CPI website](#).