Research Policies: Sponsored Programs, Grants, Contracts & Agreements (RE7000) Task Force

Meeting Notes: 1/17/2019, 2:00 pm, Room 375 ADMIN

Present in Person: Alfred Hall, Education; Kim Oller, Communication Sciences & Disorders; Sarah Potter, History; Mary Earheart-Brown, Research and Innovation

Present on the Phone: Mehdi Amini, FCBE; Jim Murphy, Psychology; Hongmei Zhang, SPH

Absent: Dipankar Dasgupta, Computer Science; Stephanie Ivey, Engineering; Satish Kedia, SPH; Katherine Lambert-Pennington, SUAPP; Jim Murphy, Psychology; Chrysanthe Preza, Engineering; Kevin Sanders, CCFA.

Dr. Hall distributed an agenda to guide the meeting. He kicked off the meeting with a welcome and a reminder of the task force charge.

Task force members reported out based upon their assignment: To divide a list of peer and aspiration peer institutions and study their research policies and best practices (see table below for assignments and update of those who gave their verbal reports).

Peer:	Task Force Member
Cleveland State University	
Indiana University—Purdue University, Indianapolis (IUPUI)	Stephanie Ivey (report emailed after meeting)
Portland State University	Katherine Lambert-Pennington
University of Massachusetts—Boston	Sarah Potter (report given)
University of Texas—El Paso	
Aspirational:	**Task Force Member**
Florida International University	Kim Oller
George Mason University	Alfred Hall (report given)
Georgia State University (also researched University of South Carolina)	Hongmei Zhang (report given)
Swedish Universities	Mehdi Amini (report given)
University of Houston	Kevin Sanders
University of North Texas	Jim Murphy (report emailed after meeting)
University of Texas—Arlington	

University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee	

The following items were considered for focusing the policy and best practice review.

- Signature authority
- Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Rate (or indirect cost rate)
- Incentive Pay
- Buyout via sponsored projects
- PDA
- Are small grants/contracts handled via a different process (quicker, less steps)? If so, what is the threshold?
- Does the school offer guidance for PIs re: shared credit (F&A distributions/effort allocation)?

Task force members are going to send Ms. Earheart-Brown any notes or policies that they created/uncovered for posting to the Task Force One Drive.

The task force will continue its research and discussion, making an interim report to the UMRC on February 6, 2019 and a final report (if ready) on May 2, 2019.