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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL

February 27 and 28, 2014

Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in December 2013. Those planning to attend should make hotel reservations at the Washington Marriott Hotel at 1221 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. and should send registration notices along with registration fees to the COGR office. There is a block of rooms reserved for COGR participants. After this block fills, reservations will be accepted only on a space and rate available basis. There may still be rooms available at the hotel, but these would not have the COGR rate. For reservations already made, changes should be made by telephone to the hotel (202-872-1500) and by FAX to the COGR office (202-289-6698). Cancellations must be received in writing, via fax or mail, no later than Thursday, February 20, 2014 to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, February 27, 2014

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – **Thursday Morning Sessions** – There will be two concurrent sessions:
- **COGR Perspective on the OMB Uniform Guidance (combined Costing and RCA session)** - Representatives from the Costing and RCA Committees will lead a panel discussion to provide insights and perspectives on the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards - Final Rule, which was released on December 26, 2013. This is a “members only” session and audience participation is encouraged to raise any issues and concerns with the Uniform Guidance.
- **Patent Assertion Entities: Friends or Foes?** - Considerable attention has been given recently to the activities of Patent Assertion Entities (often referred to as “patent trolls”). Legislation is pending both in Congress and a number of states that would impose restrictions on these entities. However, there also are concerns that such legislation could hamper the ability of universities and others to legitimately enforce patents. John Vaughn, Executive Vice President of the Association of American Universities, will discuss the status of the pending federal legislation and university concerns. Representatives from Rembrandt IP, a leading patent assertion entity (PAE) will provide perspective from the point of view of their business model, including the distinction of the business model of a particular PAE versus its various methods of implementation in the marketplace, general issues and statistics relating to patent

enforcement, and the potential impact of proposed legislation on all entities asserting patents. Mark Crowell, Executive Director, U. VA Innovation and Associate Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, will provide a university tech transfer perspective and also report on the status of pending legislation in the state of Virginia. The session will provide a timely and provocative discussion of current issues and perspectives on matters that could substantially impact the university technology transfer enterprise.

- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Guest Speaker** - Norman Dong, OMB Interim Controller - Implementation of the OMB Uniform Guidance and other COFAR Initiatives. OMB Interim Controller, Norman Dong, will provide an overview on the roll-out and implementation of the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards - Final Rule, which was released on December 26, 2013. In addition to implementation of the Uniform Guidance, the Council on Financial Assistance and Reform (COFAR) has a full plate of activities and Mr. Dong will address several other COFAR initiatives.
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **Break**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. - **Federal Perspective on the OMB Uniform Guidance** - Representatives from OMB and NSF will lead a panel discussion to provide insights and perspectives on the OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards - Final Rule, which was released on December 26, 2013. Joe Ellis (on temporary assignment at OMB), Jean Feldman (NSF), and Gil Tran (OMB) will provide the federal perspective on many of the specifics of the Uniform Guidance and there will be an opportunity for audience participation and Q&A.
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Break**
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – **Addressing Regulatory Burden: Investigators and Institutions** - The increasingly complex research regulatory environment has led to creation of new organizational models – the compliance office – to address the management of the myriad of rules and regulations that govern the operation of research organizations of every size and type. Since the creation of the National Science Board’s (NSB) Task Force on Administrative Burden in December 2012, COGR and its member institutions have engaged in the Task Force’s examination of the investigator’s administrative workload through offering formal comments as well as discussion at COGR meetings with Task Force staff. The report and recommendations of the Task Force may be on the agenda for the NSB meeting early in the week.

Fresh off the NSB meeting, Arthur Bienenstock, Stanford University and chair of the NSB Taskforce, and Kelvin Droegemeier, University of Oklahoma and vice chair of the NSB (and COGR Board member), will present the NSB report and recommendations on Reducing Investigator’s Administrative Workload for Federally Funded Research.

In addition, we will be joined by Margaret L. Drugovich, President of Hartwick College, whose recent presentation at the Council of Independent Colleges’ Presidents Institute on measuring

the costs of regulatory compliance offers one model to help demonstrate the institutional burden of meeting Federal regulations. Dr. Drugovich is a member of the recently formed US Senate Taskforce on Government Regulation of Higher Education charged with conduct a comprehensive review of federal regulations and reporting requirements affecting colleges and universities and make recommendations to reduce and streamline regulations. The Task Force's review can have an effect on provisions of the Higher Education Act, up for reauthorization this year. Finding effective metrics to demonstrate the burden of regulations is a key challenge facing the higher education community.

- 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – **Reception**
- 6:30 p.m. - **Dinner**

Friday, February 28, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - **Buffet Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. - **Association Update** – Susie Sedwick, Chair, FDP Executive Committee will discuss FDP Phase VI.
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **COGR Committee Reports**

**Research Compliance and Administration
Contract and Intellectual Property
Costing Policies**

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – **COGR Committee Reports Continue**

(Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Friday morning discussion to ataylor@cogr.edu)

- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**

Attendance at COGR meetings is limited to employees of member universities, their governing boards and research foundations, affiliated hospitals and affiliated research institutes.