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AGENDA

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL

June 9-10, 2016

Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in April 2016. 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 and **must be booked by Friday, May 20, 2016**. 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 not at the COGR rate. For reservations already made, changes should be made by telephone to the hotel (202-872-1500) and by email to the COGR office at trusso@cogr.edu. Meeting registration cancellations must be received in writing, preferably via email to trusso@cogr.edu, **no later than Thursday, June 2, 2016** to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, June 9, 2016

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Thursday Morning Sessions** – There are two concurrent sessions on Thursday morning.
- **HHS Office of Grants Policy and Closeouts, followed by the COGR F&A Survey.** Jeffrey Johnson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grants, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), will provide an introduction on the roles and responsibilities of the HHS Office of Grants Policy and how his office works with all of the HHS Operating Divisions. As appropriate, Mr. Johnson also will provide an update on an analysis being conducted by the HHS Office of Grants Policy as it relates to the grants closeout process.

After the presentation by Mr. Johnson, we will transition into a separate session on the revival of the COGR F&A Survey. The tentative plan is to finalize the survey format soon after the June COGR Meeting, and to roll-out the survey this summer. The session will cover the survey format, logistics and timeline, and an opportunity for those in the audience to provide input.

- **Human Research Regulations and Institutional Effective Management Practices**
The Research and Regulatory Reform Committee will discuss findings from the COGR/APLU and HHS Office for Human Research Protections analyses of public comments on the Common Rule Notice of Proposed Rulemaking as well as related meetings, outreach and next

steps. The NIH Single IRB Policy, which we anticipate will be published prior to Memorial Day, will also be discussed. The committee will provide an update on a checklist under development for reducing administrative burden at the institutional-level for investigators and administrative staff in areas such as human and animal research, financial management, subcontracts, training and proposal preparation. The Research Compliance and Administration Committee Director will present an overview of the revised March 2016 edition of the COGR Guide “Managing Externally Funded Sponsored Programs: A Guide to Effective Management Practices.”

- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Guest Speaker: Dr. Stefanie Tompkins**, Director, Defense Science Office, The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). DARPA was created in February 1958 and its purpose is to formulate and execute research and development projects to expand the frontiers of technology and science, with the aim to reach beyond immediate military requirements. Dr. Tompkins will discuss how DARPA's work spans the spectrum from basic research to applied research to operational applications--a range of activity that offers numerous opportunities for academic engagement.
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **Break**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – **Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Convey System – A Central Repository for Disclosing Financial Conflicts of Interest.** Heather Pierce, Senior Director, Science Policy and Regulatory Counsel, Scientific Affairs, AAMC, will provide an overview of Convey – a system for streamlining financial interest disclosures. Convey will act as a central repository where physicians and researchers can maintain records of financial interests for disclosure necessary for journals, conferences and research. .
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Howard Ratner, Executive Director of the Clearinghouse for the Open Research of the United States (CHORUS).** CHORUS is a system designed, among other things, to help academic institutions and researchers meet the various federal agency requirements for open access to publications resulting from federally funded research.
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – **Break**
- 4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – **Jean Feldman, Head Policy Office, National Science Foundation and Michelle Bulls, Director, Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration** will provide an update on the latest progress of the RTCs, the final RPPR. Ms. Feldman will provide discuss the revised Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) and Large Facilities Manual (LFM) currently out for comment in the Federal Register.
- 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – **Cocktail Reception & Buffet Dinner**

Friday, June 10, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - **Buffet Breakfast**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Science Policy**
Dr. Carrie Wolinetz, Associate Director for Science Policy and Director of the Office of Science Policy (OSP), NIH, will provide an overview of the purview and functions of the office. OSP advises the NIH Director on a wide-range of issues and engages in the analysis and development of policy proposals.
- 9:15a.m.-9:45 a.m. – **Procurement and Other UG Open Items Update.** COGR will submit the final results of the Procurement Survey to OMB on May 31st. We will provide a recap of the COGR Survey and other updates specific to the procurement standards, as well as updates on the other UG open items.
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – **COGR Committee Reports**
Research Compliance and Administration
Contracts and Intellectual Property
Costing Policies
Research & Regulatory Reform
(Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Friday morning’s discussion to trusso@cogr.edu)
- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**