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**June 2015 COGR Meeting Agenda**

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**AGENDA**

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL**

**June 4 and 5, 2015**

Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in March 2015. Those planning to attend should make hotel reservations at the Washington Marriott Hotel at 1221 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, May 28, 2015 to receive a refund of the registration fee.

**Thursday, June 4, 2015**

- ⌚ 8:30 a.m. **Registration**
- ⌚ 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Thursday Morning Sessions** – There are three sessions on Thursday morning.
  - ⌚ **What's Up with Patent Reform?** - Legislation aimed at patent “trolls” has been introduced in both the House (H.R. 9) and Senate (S. 1137). While the intent is to curb abusive practices of trolls, unfortunately the legislation will weaken the ability to legitimately enforce patents, particularly the House bill. This lessens the incentive to invest in or license patents, which is problematic for universities and other research institutions. What have the university associations done so far with regard to the legislation and what is the outlook? Representatives from associations including AAU, APLU, AUTM and COGR as well as outside patent counsel will discuss the current situation. In addition to the troll legislation, other related legislative activities such as proposed legislation to reinstate the grace period for scientific publication also will be discussed. If time permits, other current topics of concern to the COGR Contracts and Intellectual Property Committee (CIP) will be included in the discussion.
  - ⌚ **Costing Policies Committee Update** - Representatives from the Costing Policies Committee will lead a panel discussion that focuses on issues in which the Committee currently is engaged. Topics will include updates on: the transition to NIH Subaccounting and the related role of the Payment Management System; the COGR white-paper (in

DRAFT form) covering Compensation & Documentation under the UG; recent developments on F&A-related issues under the UG; the quickly growing sphere of Cloud Computing and the corresponding accounting challenges; as well as other areas of interest and/or concern.

- ⌚ **Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC), Gain-of-Function (GOF) Studies, and Hot Topics in Animal Research** - We will be joined by senior members from the Whitehouse Office of Science Technology and Policy (OSTP) to engage with the membership on the government's approach to oversight for both DURC and GOF studies. With the effective date of DURC approaching September 24, 2015, this will be a good time for the membership to voice concerns or questions related to select agents and the current policy <http://www.phe.gov/s3/dualuse/Documents/durc-policy.pdf>. OSTP will also provide the membership with an update on Gain-of-Function Studies and recent discussions by the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB). <http://www.phe.gov/s3/dualuse/Pages/default.aspx> . Senior members from The National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR) will be present to discuss hot topics in Animal Research including recent Federal Register notices by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and results from the NABR survey on PCRM Petition Regarding Alternatives. If time permits we will entertain additional questions regarding the NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy (GDS) and/or other concerns or questions from the membership.
  
- ⌚ 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**
  
- ⌚ 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Guest Speaker** – Julia Lane, Institute Fellow, American Institutes for Research, and Jason Owen-Smith, Executive Director of the Institute for Research on Innovation and Science (IRIS), University of Michigan, will discuss with us UMETRICS, and its outgrowth into the Institute for Research on Innovation and Science (IRIS). This is a project to build the data and tools to aid in the assessment of the social and economic impact of academic and federally funded research.
  
- ⌚ 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **Break**
  
- ⌚ 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. - **Hot Legislative Topics – Friends or Foes?** - Matt Owens, Vice President for Federal Relations and Administration, and Lizbet Boroughs, Associate Vice President for Federal Relations of the Association of American Universities (AAU) will join COGR to provide background and current updates on the following topics generating discussion on Capitol Hill: The GRANT Act, America COMPETES, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures. Helena Sims, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Association of Government Accountants, will provide an update on the implementation of the DATA Act as it moves into the pilot phase. Helena has organized meetings between associations interested in the DATA Act and Federal officials. She recently participated in the National Webinar on DATA Act Implementation with OMB and Treasury.
  
- ⌚ 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Break**
  
- ⌚ 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - **Assessing Regulatory Compliance Costs** - Panelists will provide an overview of recent efforts to assess the cost to research universities of complying with Federal

regulations. Andy Rudczynski, Associate Vice President for Research Administration, Yale University, will present findings from the recent AAU/COGR/APLU survey to assess the impact and cost of regulations among member institutions in six key areas. Brett Sweet, Vice Chancellor for Finance and CFO, Vanderbilt University, and Tejus Kothari, Principal, The Boston Consulting Group, will present findings from Phase I and II of their effort to assess the cost of regulatory compliance at Vanderbilt and other research universities, and the development of a toolkit for institutions to self-administer the process. The session will include discussion of efforts to assess the cost of complying with new or proposed regulations. Heather Pierce, Senior Director, Science Policy, and Regulatory Counsel, Scientific Affairs, Association of American Medical Colleges, will present results from the AAMC Conflict-of-Interest Metrics Project. The session will help inform future efforts to assess the impact and cost of regulatory compliance.

🕒 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – **Reception**

🕒 6:30 p.m. - **Dinner**

### **Friday, June 5, 2015**

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

🕒 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Midterm Report Card on the Uniform Guidance Implementation** - COGR leaders from our member institutions and COGR staff will share perspectives and solutions to several of the “hot topics” that have arisen in the first six months of the Uniform Guidance Implementation. Topics will include: Compensation & Documentation and alternatives to effort reporting (200.430); Procurement and the micro-purchase threshold (200.320); Agency implementation of Conflict of Interest policies (200.112); Agency requirements/deviations specific to Cost Sharing (200.306) / F&A restrictions (200.414); as well as other areas of interest and/or concern. Also note, if there is an update on the soon-to-be-available Research Terms & Conditions, we will address, accordingly.

🕒 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – **Break**

🕒 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – **COGR Committee Reports**

**Research Compliance and Administration**

**Contract and Intellectual Property**

**Costing Policies**

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

🕒 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**

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