March 2015 COGR Meeting Agenda

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Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in December 2014. 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 26, 2015 to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, March 5, 2015

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration**

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Thursday Morning Sessions** – There are two sessions on Thursday morning.

  - **A Costing Policies Perspective on the Uniform Guidance** - Representatives from the Costing Policies Committee will lead a panel discussion that focuses on Uniform Guidance implementation issues specific to costing-related aspects of the Uniform Guidance. We will address Compensation & Documentation (formerly effort reporting), F&A issues, the DS-2, and other financial and related topics.


12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Guest Speaker** – Paul R. Verkuil, Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS) will be our guest speaker. Mr. Verkuil is an attorney, former Dean of the **Tulane University Law School**, former President of the **College of William and Mary**, and former Dean of the **Cardozo School of Law**. He is currently on the faculty of the **Cardozo School of Law**.

The Administrative Conference of the United States is an independent federal agency dedicated to improving the administrative process through consensus-driven applied research, providing nonpartisan expert advice and recommendations for improvement of federal agency procedures. Its membership is composed of innovative federal officials and experts with diverse views and backgrounds from both the private sector and academia.

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **Break**

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. - **Federal Panel: Challenges, Opportunities, and Implementation of Uniform Guidance** - Representatives from Federal agencies will address issues-to-date and other topics applicable to the implementation of the Uniform Guidance. We encourage the COGR membership to share topics of interest with the COGR staff prior to the session; we will forward topics of discussion to the Federal representatives in advance of the session.

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – **Break**

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – **What Does It Mean to be a “Business Friendly” University?** - Universities and other research institutions are increasing their engagement with industry at many levels and in a wide variety of ways. This trend is likely to continue in view of static or declining federal funding and increased financial pressures. Yet the increased industry engagement has brought with it concerns about the implications for university mission and integrity, novel contract and IP terms and conditions that may depart from usual university norms, and potential tax issues. These concerns are not new, but have accelerated recently with the emphasis at many institutions on increasing relationships with industry. A panel will discuss new approaches and models for university—industry collaborations, challenges that institutions face, and the implications of becoming “business friendly.” We will be hearing about the status of the UIDP on Friday morning; these sessions will be complementary.

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – **Reception**

6:30 p.m. - **Dinner**
Friday, March 6, 2015

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

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – **Association Update** - Anthony M. Boccanfuso, Executive Director, University-Industry Demonstration Partnership, will provide an update on UIDP current activities.

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - **Reducing Federal Regulatory Burden** - COGR will host a session on efforts to identify and reduce federal regulatory burden for institutions of higher education. Terry Hartle, Senior Vice President, Division of Government and Public Affairs, of The American Council on Education, will present the findings of a report from the Senate Task Force on Federal Regulation of Higher Education. The Task Force will release its report prior to the March meeting. JR Haywood, President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), will present the results of FASEB’s recently released Discussion Framework on Sustaining Discovery in Biological and Medical Sciences. JR is also a member of the National Academies Committee on Federal Research Regulations and Reporting Requirements and with Geoff Grant, President of Research Advocates and also a member of the recently formed NAS Committee, will discuss the proposed scope of the Committee’s work.

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)

12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**

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