Panelists will provide an update on COGR efforts to develop a checklist with strategies for assisting research institutions’ efforts to reduce the administrative workload for investigators and administrative staff while maintaining necessary regulatory compliance.
Panelists

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Introduction

Increasing regulatory and administrative burden on the research enterprise and potential approaches for federal agencies and universities to reduce the burden have been raised in a number of recent reports including:

- Research Universities and the Future of America: Ten Breakthrough Actions Vital to our Nation’s Prosperity and Security (NRC, 2012)
- Faculty Workload Survey Research Report (FDP, 2012)
- Reducing Investigators’ Administrative Workload for Federally Funded Research (NSB, 2014)
- Sustaining Discovery in Biological and Medical Sciences (FASEB, 2015)
Recommendations to Agencies

The National Research Council Reports have specific recommendations for:

- Agencies to streamline and unify their regulatory requirements.
- Congress to establish mechanisms to reduce regulatory burden.

COGR has been, and continues to be, active in this process. A number of COGR recommendations are referenced in the NRC report.
Recommendations to Institutions

The National Academies report, *Optimizing the Nation’s Investment in Academic Research*, recommended that research institutions:

- Conduct a review of institutional policies developed to comply with federal regulation of research to determine whether the institution has created additional and unnecessary administrative burden.

- Revise institutional policies that go beyond those necessary and sufficient to comply with federal, state, and local requirements.
COGR has reviewed the Federal Demonstration Partnership Faculty burden Survey to identify major areas of concern to faculty.

With input from COGR Committee members we have compiled a partial list of actions that have been taken by member institutions to reduce administrative burden.
COGR Administrative Burden List

- Animal Research/IACUC
- Human Subjects Research/IRB
- Contract-Related Requirements
- Subcontracts
- Technology Transfer
- International Research
- General
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- Administrative Support
- Conflict of Interest
- Electronic Systems/Forms
- Proposal or Report Preparation
- Personnel Management
- Financial Management
- Laboratory Safety
- Training
Questions

- Are there any major categories missing?
- What is the best mechanism to solicit additional input on efforts underway at member institutions?
- How do we reach out to respective functional units for additional input?
- Should the list be updated on an annual or biennial basis?
- How can we help members with implementation?
- of changes?