



February 20, 2020

COGR February 27-28, 2020 MEETING AGENDA

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL

Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserv in December 2019. The cut off for special COGR pricing for hotel reservations was **February 11, 2020** at the Washington Marriott Hotel at 1221 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. After this date, reservations will be accepted only on a space and rate available basis. Meeting registration cancellations must be received in writing, preferably via email to trusso@cogr.edu, **no later than Friday, February 21, 2020** to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Note that we will be using [Poll Everywhere](#) for real-time audience participation during one of our sessions. While audience members will be able to participate through a browser on their laptops, for the smoothest experience we recommend that you [download the app](#) on your mobile device (IOS and Android compatible) before the meeting.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

- 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM – **Cloud Computing, MTDC, and F&A Application** *Metropolitan Ballroom* We have deliberated the treatment of cloud computing for F&A purposes over the past five years. COGR’s position has generally been to not take a position, partly because to advance a particular policy position might be inconsistent with how some COGR member institutions view this issue. However, as cloud computing use increases, COGR has decided to craft a short “Considerations” paper. We will provide an update on issues being addressed in this paper.
- 10:15 AM – Noon – **Framework for Reviewing Global Engagement: Case Studies with Audience Input** *Metropolitan Ballroom*
COGR released the [Framework for Review of Individual Global Engagements in Academic Research](#) in January to provide an underlying structure to support the institution’s analysis of outside engagements, assess potential risks, and develop strategies for mitigation. Because each institution has different policies, approaches, levels of foreign involvement, and risk tolerance, this Framework presents a flexible approach. Some of the team members that developed this document will review the key aspects of the Framework and discuss the case studies included at the end of the document. This session will also include anonymous polling of the audience for benchmarking and information sharing. Panelists include Naomi Schrag, Columbia University (moderator), Lois Brako, University of Michigan, Ara Tahmassian, Harvard University.
- Noon – 1:00 PM - **Buffet Lunch** *West End Ballroom, Dupont Ballroom.*
- 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM – **Fireside Chat with NSF Director Dr. France Córdova** *Metropolitan Ballroom* After having served for six years, Dr. Córdova’s term as Director of the National Science Foundation will end later this year. She has been a leader in science for more than three decades, including as NASA’s chief scientist, President of Purdue University, and Chancellor of the University of California, Riverside. Board Chair Pamela Webb (University of Minnesota) and President Wendy Streitz will engage Director Córdova in an informal conversation, with an opportunity for questions from the attendees.
- 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM **Department of Education Section 117 Reporting** *Metropolitan Ballroom*

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On February 10 the Department of Education issued revised reporting requirements for HEA Section 117 Foreign Gift and Contracts Disclosures, after OMB withdrew the proposed requirements previously sent to OMB for “emergency review.” The revised reporting requirements eliminate some that had been previously proposed. However, the requirement for submission of “true copies” of gift or contract agreements has been deferred for separate rulemaking. Stephanie Gold of Hogan Lovells will discuss the compliance implications of the 117 requirements and some lessons learned. She will be joined by institutional representatives on the panel. The Department of Education was invited to participate in the COGR panel but declined at this time.

- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM - **Break** *Metropolitan Mezzanine*
- 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM – **NSF and NIH Updates on Disclosure Requirements** *Metropolitan Ballroom*
COGR will be joined by Jean Feldman, Head of the NSF Policy Office, Rebecca Keiser, Head of the NSF Office of International Science & Engineering, and Michelle Bulls, Director of the NIH Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA). Ms. Feldman and Dr. Keiser will discuss the latest relevant NSF PAPPG revisions, including Frequently Asked Questions (if released prior to the session). Ms. Bulls will discuss the recently updated GPS, focusing on the incorporation of the NIH July 2019 Policy Statement on Other Support and Policies related to Financial Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Components. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists.
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM **2 CFR 200 (Uniform Guidance Revisions OMB/NSF Invited)** *Metropolitan Ballroom*
Invited Presenters are Gilbert Tran and Nicole Waldeck from OMB and Jean Feldman from NSF. This session will provide background and an update on the proposed revisions to the Uniform Guidance.
- 5:30 PM – 8 PM – **Cocktails and Buffet Dinner** *Metropolitan Mezzanine & Ballroom*

Friday, February 28, 2020 – COGR General Membership Only

- 7:30 AM- 8:30 AM – **Buffet Breakfast** *Metropolitan Mezzanine & Ballroom*
- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM – **Duke University Misconduct Findings** *Metropolitan Ballroom*
In March 2019, Duke University reached a [settlement](#) with the Department of Justice concerning research misconduct findings, agreeing to pay significant fines. Representatives from the University will discuss the case with the COGR membership and share lessons learned and steps taken in the aftermath.
- 9:30 AM -10:15 AM – **The Federal Budget Outlook** *Metropolitan Ballroom*
Matt Hourihan, Director of the AAAS R&D Budget and Policy Program.
- 10:15 AM-10:35 AM – **Break** *Metropolitan Mezzanine*
- 10:35 AM – Noon - **Committee Reports and Emerging Issues** *Metropolitan Ballroom*
The Committees will update the membership on a variety of issues, including NIST updates, OSTP activities, an upcoming COGR “Considerations” paper on Cloud Computing, and data sharing/repositories. ***Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Friday morning’s discussion to trusso@cogr.edu and will also have an opportunity to submit questions to the registration desk on Thursday.***
- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**