Planning information for the upcoming meeting of the Council on Governmental Relations was sent to the COGR Listserve in April 2018. 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 Tuesday, May 22, 2018 (extended date). 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 Friday, June 1, 2018 to receive a refund of the registration fee.

Thursday, June 7, 2018

- 9:30 - 10:45 AM -- European Union General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The EU’s General Data Protection Regulations, which are effective May 25, 2018, have significant implications for U.S. institutions and researchers. Mark Barnes, Partner at Ropes and Gray LLP, will lead a discussion of the implications and compliance strategies for the new GDPR requirements. The panel will include representatives from several member institutions and discussion on their approach to implementation.

- 10:45 – 11:00 AM – Break

- 11:00 AM - Noon -- Guest Speaker (invited) - Neomi Rao, Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). OIRA is the government authority for the review of regulations and approval of information collections, as well as the regulatory reform process. Administrator Rao leads the President’s efforts to streamline, simplify, and reform the federal government’s regulations and regulatory process, and will discuss these efforts.

- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM – Buffet Lunch

- 1:00 - 2:00 PM -- Guest Speaker - Walter G. Copan, Ph.D., Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST announced a Request for Information (RFI) in the Federal Register on May 1, 2018 to gather information about the current state of Federal technology transfer and the public’s ability to engage with Federal laboratories and access federally funded R&D through collaborations, licensing, and other mechanisms. Dr. Copan will discuss this initiative during his presentation.

- 2:00. – 2:15 PM - Break

- 2:15-3:45 PM - Discussion with Laura Rainey and Marie Maguire, and Lori Pilcher, from the NSF and DHHS Inspectors General Offices respectively on the Federal Demonstration Partnership Payroll Certification Pilots and moving forward with alternatives under the Uniform Guidance. Lisa Mosley, Co-Chair of the University Cohort on Alternatives to Effort Reporting will lead the discussion.

- 3:45 - 4:00 PM – Break

- 4:00. – 5:00 PM - Public/Data Access to Federal Funded Research - A panel discussion of the latest developments with representatives from NIH and the AAU/APLU project on Public Access.
5:00. – 5:30 PM – COGR Committee Reports Part 1

(Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Thursday afternoon’s discussion to trusso@cogr.edu)

5:30 – 8 PM – Cocktails and Buffet Dinner

Friday, June 8, 2018

7:00 - 8:00 AM - Buffet Breakfast

8:00. – 8:30 AM – COGR Committee Reports Part 2

(Members are encouraged to submit advance questions and issues for Friday morning’s discussion to trusso@cogr.edu)

8:30-9:30 AM - Research Business Models Subcommittee Developments – Jean Feldman, National Science Foundation, Michelle Bulls, National Institutes of Health, and Theresa Grancorvitz, NSF, and co-chair of this interagency committee will discuss the latest initiative of the RBM resulting from the America Innovation and Competitiveness Act directive to streamline research regulations. This federal panel will engage the COGR membership in a discussion on high priority/cross agency issues and topics that could be considered by the RBM so bring your best ideas.

9:30-9:45 AM. – Break

9:45-10:45 AM - NSF Important Notice 144 - Proposed Policy on Reporting Sexual and Other Harassment. This Notice announces that NSF has developed a new award term and condition that will require grantee organizations to report findings of sexual harassment, or any other kind of harassment regarding a PI or co/PI or any other grant personnel. NSF has asked for comments on its proposal, due May 4. Rhonda Davis, Bob Cosgrove and Jean Feldman of NSF will discuss the policy and grant award terms during this session.

10:45 - Noon - OMB and the President's Management Agenda (PMA). The PMA lays out a long-term vision for modernizing the Federal Government in key areas, improving agencies' ability to deliver mission outcomes, provide excellent service, and effectively steward taxpayer dollars on behalf of the American people. OMB and other federal officials will provide more details about this initiative and how COGR and our member institutions can engage in this effort.

12:00 Noon – Adjournment