



Membership Meeting in Washington D.C.

October 23-24, 2025

Meeting Agenda

All session times are in ET. This meeting will take place at the [Washington Marriott in Georgetown](#). This agenda, along with other [Meeting Materials](#) are posted on COGR's website.

Thursday, October 23

7:00– 9:15 am

Light Breakfast in Metropolitan Foyer

9:15– 9:30 am

Metropolitan Ballroom (All Sessions)

Welcome and Opening Remarks: COGR Board Chair Naomi Schrag, Columbia University, and President Matt Owens

9:30 – 10:45 am

“Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education” Discussion with Ropes & Gray and the American Council on Education (ACE)

The Trump Administration's “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education” calls for colleges and universities to make major changes to academic programs and governance in exchange for preferential federal funding. Panelists Douglas Hallward-Driemeier, Partner, and Steve Sencer, Counsel, of Ropes and Gray, and Jessie Brown, Executive Vice President, American Council on Education (ACE) will discuss the compact's elements, “ironies,” and legal implications.

Background Materials

[White House Invites Nine Universities to Enter “Compact” in Exchange for Access to Federal Funds and Other Benefits \(Ropes & Gray\)](#)

10:45 – 11:00 am Break

11:00 – 12:15 pm

Uniform Guidance Revisions – Then, Now and When

Just one year ago, COGR was finalizing its assessment of OMB's 2 CFR 200 (Uniform Guidance/UG) revisions that went into effect October 1, 2024. The results of COGR's work were documented in a “[Look](#)” series, describing the changes and culminating in an Implementation and Readiness Guide. No one could have guessed that only a year later we would be anticipating additional, likely much more consequential, revisions.

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We now have the final draft of OMB's 2025 Compliance Supplement, which includes audit guidance reflecting the 2024 UG revisions. During this session we will revisit the 2024 revisions in light of the audit guidance found in the 2025 Compliance Supplement and highlight other noteworthy changes.

When will OMB release its latest revisions, what will the revisions include, and how will they impact the JAG's FAIR model initiative? While little is known, COGR staff and member institutions are preparing and a panel will share COGR and institutional progress and plans with the audience.

Background Materials

[F&A Cost Reimbursement Materials](#)

[2 CFR 200 "Uniform Guidance" Resource Page](#)

[Draft 2025 Compliance Supplement](#) (Available for Download from the AICPA with a free account)

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch Seating in Metropolitan, Dupont, West End, and Thomas

2:00 – 3:15 pm

AI and Research Misconduct: Considerations and a Potential Evaluative Framework

[Courtney Karmelita](#), Chief of Staff, Office of Research Protections, Executive Director, Ethical Research & Outreach, Research Integrity Officer, Pennsylvania State University will provide a presentation that explores how artificial intelligence is reshaping research integrity and learning, emphasizing the responsible, transparent, and ethical use of AI tools. It highlights existing frameworks, practical compliance strategies, and updated models like the Post-AI Learning Taxonomy that guide ethical decision-making on the use of AI.

Background Materials

[COGR's September 2025 Update](#)

[ARIO and COGR Post Tools for Finalizing Institutional Research Misconduct Policies to Comply with Updated PHS Regulations at 42 CFR Part 93](#)

3:15 – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 – 4:45 pm

Simplifying Research Regulations and Policies: Optimizing American Science – A NASEM Report

Dr. [Alex Helman](#), Senior Program Officer at the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), National Academies, Dr. [Stacy Pritt](#), Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Texas University A&M, and Dr. [Lisa Nichols](#), Executive Director, Research Security, Notre Dame University will discuss the new report.

Background Materials

[NASEM Report](#)

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4:45 – 5:45 pm**Cybersecurity Implementation and Cybersecurity Updates from the University Perspective**

A panel of university representatives will provide updates on their institutions' efforts to implement level 2 Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) requirements, including practical challenges, lessons learned, and strategies for compliance. The discussion will also cover related cybersecurity issues and how institutions are adapting to the evolving federal requirements. Panelists include Allen DiPalma, Executive Director, Office of Research Security & Trade Compliance, University of Pittsburgh, Kelly Hochstetler, Associate Vice President for Research, University of Virginia, and Thomas Burns, Associate Vice Provost, Research Compliance, Johns Hopkins University. Kevin Wozniak, COGR's Research Security & Intellectual Property Director, will moderate.

Background Materials

[COGR's September 2025 Update](#)

[Department of Defense Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification 2.0](#)

5:45 – 7:45 pm Networking Reception**Metropolitan Foyer**

Join us in the Metro Foyer after Thursday's sessions to enjoy cocktails, light appetizers, and a chance to connect with your fellow attendees and colleagues. Dinner for this meeting will be on your own.

Friday, October 24**7:00– 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet****Metropolitan Foyer****8:00 – 9:30 am****Navigating the Storm 2.0: Institutional Perspectives on a Changing Federal Landscape**

With over 200 senior research administrators in the room, this session is focused on discussion and sharing among attendees. Attendees will choose a table with an assigned 'table topic' including: F&A, research security, compliance issues, contracts & grants administration, and more. Each table will be provided discussion starter questions for the assigned topic that are focused on practical and institutional challenges. This is a unique opportunity to exchange perspectives, surface common concerns, and identify practical strategies in response to today's rapidly evolving federal policy environment. Come ready to engage, learn, and contribute. Report outs will be summarized electronically and discussed by an expert panel.

Background Materials

[COGR's September 2025 Update](#)

9:30 – 9:45 am Break**9:45 – 10:45 am****Legislative Update & Outlook**

Joanne Carney, Chief Government Relations Officer at the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Tobin Smith, Senior Vice President for Government Relations & Public Policy at the Association of American Universities will discuss with COGR President Matt Owens the latest legislative developments and outlook for the rest of this year for federal research policy and funding. Among the issues to be discussed: FY26 appropriations for research, facilities and administrative costs reimbursement, research security, immigration issues, and more.

10:45 am – 12:00 Noon**Committee Reports and Hot Topics Metropolitan Ballroom**

COGR Committee Chairs will provide important updates on Committee initiatives and issues they're closely engaged in, with a focus on hot topics. Speakers include Jeremy Forsberg, Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Texas at Arlington and Costing and Financial Compliance (CFC) Chair, Lisa Mosley, Executive Director, Office of Sponsored Projects, Yale University and Contracts & Grants Administration (CGA) Chair, Deborah Motton, Executive Director, Research Policy Analysis & Coordination, University of California President's Office and Research Ethics & Compliance (REC) Chair, and Kevin Wozniak, Director, Research Security & Intellectual Property (RSIP), COGR.

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