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April, 2008 CPI Schedule:

(11:30 - 1:15) Council of Principal Investigators Monthly Meeting:
Memorial Student Center, Room 206

Attendees: CPI members and Guests

Distribution materials:

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CPI Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 9, 2008
11:30 – 1:15

(11:50 – 12:00) Call to Order/Opening Remarks: (Moderated by A. Love)

- Welcome
- Introduction:
 - Dr. Bruce Whitney, Institutional Biological Safety Officer and Responsible Official

(12:00 – 12:30) Special Guest Presentation: *Oversight of research involving recombinant DNA or biohazardous materials – moving forward*

Dr. Bruce Whitney, Institutional Biological Safety Officer and Responsible Official

(12:30 – 12:55) Facilitated Discussion: (Moderated by A. Love)

(12:55 – 1:15) Other business: (Moderated by A. Love)

- CPI Elections
 - Chair and Chair Elect (Deadline April 25, 2008)
 - Member elections and seat allocations

(1:15) Adjournment:

Attachments: (Materials are available for download at <http://cpi.tamu.edu/>)

- April 9, 2008 Agenda
- Institutional Biological Safety Officer and Responsible Official announcement
- CPI seat allocation table
- March 19, 2008 minutes draft (distributed electronically on April 17, 2008 for approval)

cc: (distributed meeting resources)

- CEOs (Texas A&M, AgriLife Research, HSC, TEES, TTI)
- College Deans, Administrative and Department Heads (Texas A&M, AgriLife Research, HSC, TEES, TTI)
- Dr. H. Joseph Newton, Chair of the Research Environment Council (Texas A&M)
- Dr. Angie Hill Price, Speaker of the Faculty Senate (Texas A&M)
- Dr. Howard Kaplan, Chair of the Distinguished Professors (Texas A&M)

Chair — Alan Love, *COALS* • *Chair Elect* — Paul Fitzpatrick, *COALS* • *Past Chair* — David Russell, *Science* • *Architecture* — Donald House • *Business* — Joobin Choobineh • *COALS* — Rosana Moreira, Suresh Pillai, Herman Scholthof, Dorothy Shippen, David Stelly • *Education* – Susan Bloomfield • *Engineering* — Nancy Amato, David Boyle, Sheng-Jen Hsieh, Don Russell • *Geosciences* — Sarah Bednarz, Lisa Campbell, Norman Guinasso • *Health Science Center* — Geoffrey Kapler, Marty Scholtz • *Liberal Arts* — Sarah Gatson, James Grau • *Science* — Deb Bell-Pedersen, Keith Maggert, Michael Weimer • *TTI* — William Eisele, Katherine Turnbull • *Veterinary Medicine* — Bhanu Chowdhary, James Derr

CPI members and guests,
Please see the message below announcing the new Institutional Biosafety Officer/Responsible Official.

Dr. Calvin is pleased to announce that Dr. Bruce M. Whitney has joined us in the newly created position that merges the role of Institutional Biological Safety Officer and Responsible Official. Dr. Whitney has more than 10 years experience in the field of biosafety, as well as experience in federal oversight of select agents and recombinant DNA research. He received his doctorate in immunology and microbiology from the University of Arkansas. Previously, Whitney was a Senior Biosafety and Outreach Specialist (contractor) in the Office of Biotechnology Activities at the National Institutes of Health. In this position, he assisted in the development, interpretation, and implementation of policies related to biosafety and biosecurity issues. In addition, he assisted in the development of national and regional programs of education and outreach relevant to the oversight of recombinant DNA research.

Before working with NIH, he was the Institution Biosafety Officer and Alternate Responsible Official at the University of Washington in Seattle. Dr. Whitney was responsible for oversight of biosafety and biosecurity in select agent and high-containment research which included more than 20 BL3 laboratories and one of only 10 Regional Centers for Excellence of Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research in the United States.

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