



# Council of Principal Investigators

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CPI Meeting Agenda  
December 14, 2011  
11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Rudder Tower, Room 601

- (11:30 – 11:45)     Lunch
- (11:45 – 12:00)     *Call to Order/Opening Remarks:* (Moderated by L. Rauchwerger)  
– Welcome
- (12:00 – 12:15)     *Update on the Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety:* Dr. Robert Nobles, Executive Director (*ad interim*), Office of Research Compliance and Biosafety – *Introduction* by Dr. Jeffrey R. Seemann, Vice President for Research, Texas A&M University and Chief Research Officer, The Texas A&M University System
- (12:15 – 12:30)     *Open Forum Discussion:* (Moderated by L. Rauchwerger)
- (12:30 – 12:40)     *Update on Human Subjects in Research:* Ms. Katherine Rojo del Busto, Executive Associate Vice President for Administration and Legal Affairs/Chief of Staff, Division of Research, Texas A&M University;
- (12:40 – 12:55)     *Open Forum Discussion:* (Moderated by L. Rauchwerger)
- (12:55 – 1:05)     Office of Sponsored Research Services (OSRS) Contact Information: Dr. Terry Thomas, Professor of Biology and CPI Past Chair;
- (1:05 – 1:15)     *Other Business:* (Moderated by L. Rauchwerger)
- (1:15)                 *Adjournment*

*Attachments:*

- December 2011 CPI Newsletter

**2011-12 CPI roster:** *Chair* — Lawrence Rauchwerger, *Engineering* • *Vice Chair* — Reza Langari, *Engineering* • *Past Chair* — Terry Thomas, *Science* • *AgriLife* — Non-COALS — Jamie Foster, Ronald Randel, Travis Whitney • *Architecture* — Walter Peacock • *BCD* — Lynne Opperman • *Bush School* — Lori Taylor • *Business* — Joobin Choobineh • *COALS* — Clinton Allred, Mary Bryk, Kim Dooley, Michael Kolomiets, Bhimu Patil, Gregory Reinhart, Heather Wilkinson • *Education* — Rafael Lara-Alecio • *Engineering* — Nancy Amato, Mladen Kezunovic, Deepa Kundur, Christi Madsen, J. N. Reddy, Ramesh Talreja, Victor Ugaz • *Geosciences* — Steve DiMarco, Mary Jo Richardson, Niall Slowey • *IBT/PHARM/RCHI* — James Martin • *Liberal Arts* — Chester Dunning, Walter Kamphoefner, Mary Meagher • *Medicine* — Vernon Tesh • *Science* — Wolfgang Bangerth, Jean-Luc Guermont, Paul Hardin, Emil Straube • *SRPH* — Chuck Huber • *TEES Non-COE* — Richard Mercier • *TAMU at Galveston* — Joan Mileski • *TAMU at Qatar* — Hadi Nasrabadi • *TTI* — Lance Bullard, Beverly Kuhn, Joe Zietsman • *University Libraries* — Sandy Tucker • *Veterinary Medicine* — Bhanu Chowdhary, Noah Cohen, Jane Welsh

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Principal Investigators,

The agenda and materials for the December 14, 2011, CPI meeting (Rudder 601; 11:30-1:15 p.m.) are available on the CPI website at [http://cpi.tamu.edu/CPI\\_12.14.11.pdf](http://cpi.tamu.edu/CPI_12.14.11.pdf).

If you plan to attend, please email [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu). The meetings are open to the public and are webcast live at <http://ttvn.tamu.edu/webcasts> on Channel 20. Previous CPI meetings can be viewed at <http://cpi.tamu.edu/videos>. Our monthly electronic newsletter is included below and contains items of interest to the research community. Please send comments regarding the newsletter to [cpi@tamu.edu](mailto:cpi@tamu.edu).

To learn more about CPI membership, activities, and initiatives, visit <http://cpi.tamu.edu>.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Rauchwerger

Chair, Council of Principal Investigators

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**CPI Newsletter – December 2011**  
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**Included in this issue are updates/information on:**

- Preview of January 18, 2012, CPI Meeting
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- Summary of November 9, 2011, CPI Executive Committee Meeting, Texas A&M University President and Provost
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### **Preview of January 18, 2012 CPI Meeting**

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Dr. B. Don Russell, Regents Professor and Harry E. Bovay, Jr. Endowed Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Dwight Look College of Engineering, will present "The Academies – State of Membership at Texas A&M," at the January 18, 2012, CPI meeting in Rudder 610 from 11:30-1:15 p.m. Additional presentations/discussions are pending. CPI meeting information can be found at: <http://cpi.tamu.edu/meetings>

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Dr. Lawrence Rauchwerger, [rwerger@cse.tamu.edu](mailto:rwerger@cse.tamu.edu)

### **Summary of November 9, 2011, CPI Closed Session Meeting**

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The November 9, 2011, meeting was a closed session for elected CPI members. The Council discussed the results of the survey that was distributed to over 2000 PIs that are represented by the CPI. Council members discussed ways to increase effectiveness. Some of the suggestions for increased effectiveness were to better inform PIs who their representatives were on the Council and for representatives to communicate with their respective constituents. The CPI representatives for each college/unit can be found at: <http://cpi.tamu.edu/members>.

Important research-related issues identified in the PI survey will be discussed at the monthly CPI and Executive Committee meetings, with the goal of collaborating with the administration to generate solutions that will enhance and bolster the research enterprise.

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### **Summary of November 9, 2011, CPI EC Meeting with Texas A&M University President and Provost**

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The CPI Executive Committee (EC) met with the Texas A&M University President and Provost on November 9, 2011, after the full CPI monthly meeting. Attendees discussed the results of the PI survey; the need for PIs to receive support and guidance in navigating matters regarding intellectual property; an update on the separation of Texas A&M and A&M System "Shared Initiative Positions;" and the importance of educating the public about current research activities and the impact of research at Texas A&M.

The university is active in promoting the impact of research through a sustained and clear campaign that includes a variety of avenues, such as social media and the distribution of 7-10 faculty stories per week through TAMUtimes (<http://tamutimes.tamu.edu/research/>). TAMUtimes currently has three times the readership than "The Eagle."

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### **Summary of December 2, 2011, CPI EC Meeting with The Texas A&M University System Chancellor**

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The CPI Executive Committee (EC) met with The Texas A&M University System Chancellor on December 2, 2011. Attendees discussed ways to educate the public about the value of research at Texas A&M; the important role graduate students play in a successful research enterprise and the need to promote graduate studies/students to the public; the workload of PIs (teaching and preparing for classes, applying for external funding, managing research funds, performing high level research and managing labs, advising students, etc.); the need for PIs to receive support and guidance in navigating matters regarding intellectual property; and the urgent need for addressing outstanding deferred maintenance and/or replacing substandard structures on campus.

It was agreed that quarterly meetings would be scheduled between the CPI Executive Committee and the Chancellor.

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### **Points of Contact for the Office of Sponsored Research Services (OSRS)**

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During the summer, most research administration services moved to the system-level OSRS. While in most cases the point of contact did not change, they have new email addresses and phone numbers which can be found by calling 862-OSRS (6777) or visiting their website at <http://www.tamus.edu/offices/cro/osrs/contacts/>. Additional questions about OSRS should be directed to Mr. Mark Smock, Executive Director, OSRS.

Contact:

Mr. Mark Smock, [msmock@tamus.edu](mailto:msmock@tamus.edu)

### **EPIK-Maestro Working Group Update**

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The EPIK-Maestro working group met on December 8, 2011. Leonarda Horvat, Chief Information Officer and Director of TEES Information Systems, presented a summary report to the Steering Committee and an update on the proposal implementation review.

Training on the general use of Maestro and on proposal routing is continuing and the training given by Tribbie Sanders of AgriLife may be used as a general outline for future training to ensure consistency. The working group considered the way the proposal routing process is currently functioning and recommended enhancements. They would like to make sure that the process links to metrics for faculty including making sure that credit is given for preproposals. The system needs to be easy to use, but it is also imperative that it requires the PI to understand what they are approving instead of just approving without double checking all documents. The routing process was discussed and refined and specific entry fields in the program were evaluated. Volunteers are needed for subcommittees whose role will be to prioritize remaining tasks for proposals, contracts, and routing. The next EPIK-Maestro Working Group meeting has been scheduled for January 5, 2011.

Contact:

Dr. Jamie L. Foster, [jlfoster@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlfoster@ag.tamu.edu)

### **Dr. Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Scholarship**

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Dr. Howard B Kaplan passed away October 9, 2011. Dr. Howard B Kaplan was a Regents Professor, a Distinguished Professor of Sociology and the Mary Thomas Marshall Professor of Liberal Arts at Texas A&M University. He received his PhD from New York University in 1958 and was internationally known and regarded as an expert in the area of deviance, social psychology and especially medical sociology. Dr. Kaplan joined the Texas A&M Sociology Department in 1988 (coming from the Baylor School of Medicine in Houston) and established The Laboratory for Studies of Social Deviance. In addition to directing a myriad of ongoing grants and associated studies, and mentoring graduate students, he regularly taught graduate seminars on social psychology and social deviance. His reputation is demonstrated by his award of the American Sociological Association's Leo G. Reeder Award for a career of distinguished contributions to medical sociology, the highest award that can be given in the area. This award honored his more than 50 years of research that made an indelible impact on the field of medical sociology as well as deviant behavior and social psychology.

To honor his memory, his family and friends are establishing the Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will help fund graduate students in the department of sociology. Additional information about donating to the scholarship can be found at <http://sociweb.tamu.edu/kapmem.php>.

### **Texas A&M University Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS) Advisory Board Appointed**

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The inaugural Advisory Board for the Texas A&M University Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS) has been appointed. Board members will serve in one-, two- and three-year terms beginning December 1, 2011. The Advisory Board's charge is to establish procedures for TIAS Faculty Fellow nominations and solicit nominations for the first cohort of Fellows. The Board will also establish the process for evaluation and recruitment of TIAS Faculty Fellow nominees. Additional TIAS news and information can be found at: <http://tias.tamu.edu>.

### **Contact Information for CPI Representatives**

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If you are a principal investigator at Texas A&M, the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, AgriLife Research, the Texas A&M Health Science Center, or the Texas Transportation Institute you can find the contact information for your CPI representative(s) at <http://cpi.tamu.edu/members>. PIs are encouraged to send any issues or ideas for improving the Texas A&M research enterprise to their respective CPI representative.

### **Feedback on the Office of Sponsored Research Services (OSRS)**

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Comments and suggestions about OSRS services can be sent to the CPI Chair at [pi-osrs-comments@tamu.edu](mailto:pi-osrs-comments@tamu.edu)

### **Nominations for Sigma Xi Distinguished Scientist and Outstanding Science Communicator Awards**

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The Texas A&M University Chapter of *Sigma Xi*, the Scientific Research Society, has issued a call for nominations for the 2012 Distinguished Scientist Award and the 2012 Outstanding Science Communicator Award. The recipients will receive a plaque and a \$750 cash prize at the *Sigma Xi* Induction and Awards Banquet in May 2012. The winner of the Distinguished Scientist Award will present the fall 2012 Distinguished Scientist Lecture, hosted by *Sigma Xi*.

For a nominee to be competitive, they should have credentials equivalent to those of previous recipients. See [http://sigmaxi.tamu.edu/Prizes\\_and\\_Awards](http://sigmaxi.tamu.edu/Prizes_and_Awards) for information on the awards and previous winners. Nominations should include a nomination letter, curriculum vitae, and letters of support.

Nominations are due by February 13, 2012, and may be submitted via email, campus, or U.S. mail to: *Sigma Xi* Coordinator, Division of Research, 1112 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-1112. Email: [sigmaxi@tamu.edu](mailto:sigmaxi@tamu.edu). Please note that membership in *Sigma Xi* is not required for nominators or nominees.

### **Comparative Medicine Program (CMP) Programmatic Overview**

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The Comparative Medicine Program (CMP) recently held a programmatic overview to give researchers vital information on current activities and provide updates on the future direction of the program. *Per diem* rates were discussed and an open forum was held on the needs and issues facing researchers. The PDF [presentation](#) is available for download, as well as PDF one-page summaries of the [Attending Veterinarian](#) role and the [Comparative Medicine Program](#) overview.

For additional information or questions, please contact [Dr. James Elliott](#), Executive Director, Comparative Medicine Program, Division of Research, Texas A&M University.

### **Data Management Plans for Successful NIH and NSF Grants**

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The Principal Investigators Association™ is offering the following 60-minute on-demand webinar, available on CD, MP3, or PDF transcript: *Data Management Plans for Successful NIH and NSF Grants*. For more information, go to: <http://www.principalinvestigators.org/Audio-Conferences/audioconference0629/>

### **System Regulation on Internal Faculty Consulting Updated**

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Revisions to System Regulation 33.99.07, *Internal Faculty Consulting and Professional Services*, were approved by the Chancellor, effective October 23, 2011. See <https://listserv.tamu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A2=RULECONTACTS;639ecabf.11> for details and an annotated copy.

### **PI-DISCUSS Listserv for PI Communication**

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The CPI maintains a listserv [PI-DISCUSS@listserv.tamu.edu](mailto:PI-DISCUSS@listserv.tamu.edu) to facilitate communication among PIs and others in the research community. The list is not moderated, i.e., messages to the list are not approved by a moderator or editor. However, only people subscribed to the list can send to the list.

Anyone can join or sign-off from the listserv by following this link: <https://listserv.tamu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=pi-discuss&A=1>

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