

# CPI

## Agenda

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., **Rm. 230-231 MSC**

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- I. Call to order      Dr. Jim Sacchetti, Chair
- II. Approval of January 12, 2005 Minutes  
(Attachment)
- III. Presentation by University System Auditors  
Mr. Charlie Hrcir, Ms. Robin Woods and Mr. David Maggard
- IV. Update from Assistant Vice President for Institutional Assessment  
Dr. Marilee Bresciani
- V. VPR Update  
Dr. Jim Calvin
- VI. Compliance Update  
Dr. Fuller Bazer
- VII. Graduate Studies Update  
Dr. Rick Giardino
- VIII. International Programs Office Update  
Dr. Suzanne Droleskey, Executive Director, International Programs for Students
- IX. International Services Update  
Mr. Mario Rojo del Busto
- X. Continued Discussions of 2004-2005 CPI Issues
- XI. Adjourn

**COUNCIL OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS  
JANUARY 12, 2005  
MINUTES**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS NOT PRESENT</b>	<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	<b>INVITED GUESTS PRESENT</b>
Andrews, Malcolm Blasingame, Tom Campbell, Lisa Chen, Jeff Derr, James Gibson, Richard Gould, Jean Hall, Tim – Past-Chair Kaplan, Howard Love, Alan Pillai, Suresh Sacchettini, Jim – Chair Sevick-Muraca, Eva Scholtz, Marty	Anderson, Evan Burnett, Dave Delp, Michael Eisele, Bill Ficht, Tom Gregory, Steve House, Donald Kapler, Geoffrey Kennicutt, Mahlon Meagher, Mary Russell, David Russell, Don Shippen, Dorothy Turnbull, Katherine Weimer, Michael	Buckley, Mike Calvin, Jim Droleskey, Suzanne Kettleborough, Fred O’Quinn, Mike Rojo-del Busto, Mario Smock, Mark	Guy Diedrich

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The meeting of the Council of Principal Investigators was called to order at 12:00 p.m.
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<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS/FOLLOW-UP</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	CPI Chair Sacchettini asked members to review the minutes of the November 10, 2004 and December 8 meetings carefully and to send changes to Angela Degelman. These minutes will be reviewed and approved via e-mail.	
<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST – JIM SACCHETTINI, CHAIR</b>	CPI Chair, Jim Sacchettini, welcomed guests and members. He also announced the appointment of Bob Webb to the CPI Guest Membership and Mike Buckley as the new CPI representative for TEES, under his new title of Assistant Director.	
<b>STUDENT RESEARCH WEEK – SARA JORDAN, GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Graduate Student Council Vice President, Sara Jordan, addressed the group about the upcoming <i>Student Research Week</i> . This week long event will take place March 28 through April 1. There is a great need for faculty/staff judges and participation. Students will be competing for \$10,000 in cash prizes. This event is sponsored by: Graduate Student Council, Office of Graduate Studies, Office of the Vice President for Research, Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education Honors Program. More information can be found by visiting the event website at <a href="http://srw.tamu.edu">http://srw.tamu.edu</a> .	

	<p>Dr. Sacchetti volunteered to judge and encouraged other CPI members to do the same.</p>	
<p><b>TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCIALIZATION CENTER UPDATE – MR. GUY DIEDRICH, MANAGING DIRECTOR</b></p>	<p>Dr. Sacchetti introduced Guy Diedrich who presented an overview of the Technology and Commercialization Center (TCC). The TCC is a newly created entity with a realigned structure and Mr. Diedrich outlined some of the A&amp;M System needs to make technology commercialization work effectively. Some of these needs included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Reorient the commercialization policy and process from measuring number of disclosures to measuring ROI</li> <li>– Maximize return on research resources, research funding and commercialization expenditures</li> <li>– Orient commercialization activities to industry/market demand</li> <li>– Create an efficient, cost-effective commercialization process with a single point of contact for industry and venture capital partners</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Diedrich also gave a process overview of the TCC. Part of what they try to do is to find out what is marketable and what is not and from there, determine the “realized equity potential” (REP). A main goal of the TCC is to be sure that demand is equal to supply. They have a current Screen and Select Committee as well as the ability to do a market analysis for PI ideas for \$500 to \$1,000.</p> <p>A problem currently faced by the TCC is that the current return they receive is 15%, but they must operate at 19%. This creates the need to ask for outside funding each year.</p> <p>Expected benefits with the new TCC entity include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater flow of research funds into the A&amp;M System</li> <li>• Efficient transition of research findings into commercial activities and applications that benefit society</li> <li>• Strong financial return to investors, industry partners and the A&amp;M System on technologies which are commercialized</li> <li>• Increased commercial activity and the creation of high quality jobs in the community based on technology development (cluster formation)</li> <li>• Provide a team of Trusted Technology Advisors for inventors, investors and industry partners</li> </ul>	

	<p>The floor was opened to discussion with the council. One suggestion for consideration was to inform the faculty of the procedures for starting their own company, where the lines are drawn and to define the process.</p> <p>There was another suggestion to partner with Mike Cronan and the Office of Proposal Development on their grant writing workshops.</p>	
<p><b>VPR UPDATE – JIM CALVIN, EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH</b></p>	<p>Dr. Jim Calvin briefed the council on current events in the Vice President for Research Office. One new issue is the limited submission process. This is a 90 day submission process and can be as many as 14 applications for only 1 slot. Dr. Calvin would like to be able to communicate to those who will be submitting to work on a more cohesive team proposal. Dr. Calvin asked the CPI for input on how this could best be addressed and requested members to send him feedback.</p>	
<p><b>INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS UPDATE - SUZANNE DROLESKEY – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS</b></p>	<p>Dr. Suzanne Droleskey shared good news that no A&amp;M students or their families were physically impacted by the recent Tsunami.</p> <p>She then distributed information on several items. The first, a memo regarding the flat rate tuition instituted in the English Language Institute (ELI), which was the beginning of a process to end differentiated and graduated tuition rates for matriculated students and non-matriculated. This step decreases ELI tuition for students who take only one or two ELI courses and maintains 04C incremental tuition rate caps for enrollment in additional courses.</p> <p>She also distributed graphical data which showed statistical data of international students who have checked in and the comparison of this data over the past 15 years.</p> <p>Another graph distributed was based on a Cost of Living Survey which was done to assess the cost of living for international students at Texas A&amp;M. The survey was conducted investigating various students' expenses, from tuition to laundry, for use in federal documents. The survey was conducted online over a period of six weeks. A total of 1182 students responded. The largest number of comments received was distributed into eight different categories. The top three categories were tuition (39%), waiver (22%), and salaries</p>	

	(15%). Other comments included such concepts as needing jobs, wondering if the administration cared about them, spending too much money on textbooks, and that the estimated cost of living sent by Texas A&M is lower than actual costs.	
<b>INTERNATIONAL SERVICES UPDATE – MR. MARIO ROJO DEL BUSTO, DIRECTOR</b>	Mario Rojo del Busto announced that the new broad fee, which applies to new applicants with an H1 Visa status, will be effective March 8. This fee has to be paid by employer.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 1:30	