

CPI

Agenda

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

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

- I. Call to order Dr. Jim Sacchettini, Chair
- II. Comments on April 13, 2005 Minutes
(*Attachment*)
- III. Election Update
- IV. Development Update
Mr. Henry Nemcik, Assistant Vice President for Development & Campaign
Director
- V. Compliance Update
Ms. Angelia Raines, Director of Compliance
- VI. International Programs Office Update
Dr. Suzanne Droleskey, Executive Director, International Programs for Students
- VII. International Services Update
Mr. Mario Rojo del Busto, Director of International Services
- VIII. International Programs Update
Dr. Tim Hall, IPPEC Representative
- IX. VPR Update
Dr. Jim Calvin, Executive Associate Vice President for Research
- X. Graduate Studies Update
Dr. Rick Giardino, Dean of Graduate Studies
- XI. Update on Vision 20/20 Advisory Council Meeting
Dr. Jim Sacchettini
- XII. Continued Discussions of 2004-2005 CPI Issues
- XIII. Adjourn

COUNCIL OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS
APRIL 13, 2005
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS NOT PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT	INVITED GUESTS PRESENT
Anderson, Evan Blasingame, Tom (Vice-Chair) Burnett, Dave Campbell, Lisa Eisele, William Ficht, Tom Gould, Jean Hall, Timothy (Past-Chair) House, Donald Kennicutt, Chuck Meagher, Mary Russell, Don Sacchettini, Jim (Chair) Scholtz, Marty Weimer, Michael	Andrews, Malcolm Chen, Jeff Delp, Michael Derr, James Gregory, Steve Gibson, Richard Kaplan, Howard Kapler, Geoffrey Love, Alan Pillai, Suresh Russell, David Sevick-Muraca, Eva Shippen, Dorothy Turnbull, Katherine	Bazer, Fuller Buckley, Mike Calvin, Jim Droleskey, Suzanne Kettleborough, C.F. Raines, Angelia Rojo-del Busto, Mario Smock, Mark Sara Jordan (for Cassandra Rutherford)	Donald Helton

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting of the Council of Principal Investigators was called to order at 11:55
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AGENDA ITEM	COMMENTS	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS/FOLLOW-UP
PRESENTATION, CHRIS MEYER, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY	<p>Dr. Jim Sacchettini made a brief introduction of Chris Meyer and Don Helton, who were attending to make a presentation about shipping and receiving hazardous materials. The goal of the presentation was to highlight some important information about the shipping and packaging of hazardous materials. Safety is a main concern, not just for the receiver, but for shipper, transporter, the general public and the environment. There have been incidences at Texas A&M where materials have been shipped and opened inappropriately.</p> <p>Specifically, there are two regulations concerning shipment. They are the Hazardous Materials Regulation (title 49 CFR Parts 171-180) and the Dangerous Goods Regulation which involves International Air Transport Association (IATA).</p> <p>Mr. Helton shared some present enforcement actions on recent Texas A&M violations involving mislabeled packages and chemicals in carry-on luggage. He stated that regulations are carried out by the Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Nuclear Regulatory</p>	

	<p>Commission.</p> <p>There have been some discussions on campus to designate a centralized location for shipping hazardous materials, making that entity liable but this would not negate the need for p.i. training, which is required. The Environmental Health and Safety Office has recognized the need to educate the campus on proper procedures because of some of the recent violations. It is important that researchers are aware that any number of violations can result in a civil penalty of up to \$32,500 per violation as well as criminal prosecution of up to \$500,000 and up to 5 years in prison. The length of training is approximately 80 hours (8 hours per day for 10 days of training). Training includes general awareness and familiarization with hazardous materials (what the laws are and how to recognize hazardous materials), function specific materials, safety, security and testing. Refresher training is required every two years.</p> <p>Federal and international regulations strictly regulate the transport of hazardous materials. Penalties and fines for errors (even minor mistakes) are severe. Mr. Helton shared some examples of regulated hazardous material shipments which include those that contain: dry ice, diagnostic specimens, infectious substances, radioactive materials, oxidizing materials, toxic materials, corrosive materials, and flammable solids or liquids. Shipments by highway or by air in any of these categories must be properly packaged and labeled and the proper shipping documents must be precisely completed. Shipments may only be made by persons who have completed approved training and have been certified as HazMat shippers by the Environmental Health and Safety Department. For a list of trained personnel, individuals may visit the following url: http://finance.tamu.edu/ehsd/resources/hazmatship/trained.asp or may call 845-2132.</p> <p>A member asked if it would not just be easier to go to UPS. Mr. Helton responded that UPS and DHL will not ship hazardous materials and that Federal Express requires you to take a two day course on identifying, packaging and label the material yourself.</p>	
COMPLIANCE UPDATE - DIRECTOR, MS. ANGELIA RAINES	Ms. Angelia Raines distributed a handout noting some new regulations on Human Subjects in research. Effective May 1, 2005, all studies that meet the definition of human subject research will be submitted to the Office of Research Compliance	

	<p>(ORC) for review. If the reviewer determines that the research meets the criteria for exemption and no changes are required, the PI will be notified through an “exemption letter”. The processing time for an exempt review will be 3 business days. Proposals are determined to be exempt and are not subject to continuing review.</p> <p>Ms. Raines noted that research cannot begin until the “Exempt from Federal Requirements” notification is received. Once the review has been completed, the reviewer will specify the category that the proposal falls into and he/she will document any items that need to be addressed. The ORC will notify the investigator in writing (e-mail) regarding the status of the application.</p>	
<p>CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE, MR. HENRY NEMCIK, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT & CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR</p>	<p>Mr. Henry Nemcik shared a handout with updates on development funds that listed donations by college. He stated that some colleges have not yet met their goals and that some funds are donated to particular “scholarships”. As of March, 2005, \$975 million had been collected. The report was broken down by cash received, planned giving, research with corporate grants, non contract and non property bearing. It also listed the available funds on any given month with \$35 million available and waiting to be “spent”. The university is nearing \$1 billion in endowments. Though they are nearing the end of the “Capital Campaign” there are still some unmet needs.</p>	
<p>CPI SPRING ELECTIONS</p>	<p>Dr. Sacchetti noted that there have been some significant changes in PIs on campus. According to the 2005 Census, there are now over 1500 principal investigators. Nomination letters will be sent soon to those colleges with membership vacancies. The process from that point will be to hold an election for those nominees. Once this election is completed at the end of May, nominees will be requested for Vice-Chair with an election to follow in June.</p>	
<p>INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE UPDATE – DR. SUZANNE DROLESKEY</p>	<p>Dr. Droleskey distributed handouts showing the results of legislative interventions the University is taking on behalf of international students/scholars. The handout was developed for and delivered to congressional leaders by Dr. Gates to specifically address the following questions. 1) Could the US Department of State establish a tracking system whereby student and exchange visitor applicants, Designated School Officials and/or Responsible Officers (RO) at Universities could track the status of visa delays caused by security screenings and the types of screenings to which student and exchange visitors are being subjected? 2) Could US Immigration and Customs Enforcement</p>	

	<p>add a data field in Scholar and Exchange Visitor Information System that would communicate with the Department of State database and be visible to schools, reflecting visa denials in SEVIS? 3) Could The Department of State consider a mechanism to enable the pre-screening of visa renewals that would begin before currently enrolled students or exchange visitors leave the U.S., thus reducing unexpected delays?</p> <p>Dr. Droleskey then shared a list of four bills in progress with the legislature. Those are being monitored and additional action will be taken as needed.</p>	
<p>VPR UPDATE – JIM CALVIN, EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH</p>	<p>Dr. Calvin gave a very brief update on recent discussions of AUF payments being eliminated. This is not actually what is happening. Clarification is still needed to determine what AUF monies are being touched.</p>	
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 1:30</p>	