CPI Executive Committee Meeting
September 2, 2015, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Donald L. Houston Building (West Campus) 200 Discovery Drive, Room 124

Invitees:

CPI Executive Committee (College/Unit):

- Helene Andrews-Polymenis, Chair (Medicine)
- James Batteas, Vice Chair (Science)
- Mary Bryk, Past Chair (Agriculture and Life Sciences)
- Vytas Bankaitas (Medicine)
- Darren DePoy (Science)
- Steve DiMarco (Geosciences)
- Arum Han (Engineering) – not attending
- Penny Riggs (Agriculture and Life Sciences)
- Loren Skow (Vet Med)
- Victor Ugaz (Engineering)
- Teresa Wilcox (Liberal Arts)

Guests (System Member):

- Julie Bishop (Texas A&M Health Science Center)
- Joe Dunn (Texas A&M Transportation Institute) - not attending
- Allison Ficht (Texas A&M Health Science Center)
- Costas Georgiades (Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station)
- Dimitris Lagoudas (Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station)
- Glen Laine (Texas A&M University)
- Craig Nessler (Texas A&M AgriLife Research)
- Katherine Rojo del Busto (Texas A&M University)
- J. Martin Scholtz (Texas A&M University)


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CPI Executive Committee with Guests (Moderated by Dr. Helene Andrews-Polymenis, CPI Chair)

- History of the CPI
- Welcome to the 2015-16 Executive Committee
- Transitions in administrative coordination
- Structure of general meetings
- Choosing a set of priorities for the coming year
- Pursuing the 2015-16 priorities
- Suggest topics for the Oct/Nov/Dec meetings

(12:15 p.m.) Executive Session

- Discussion of survey results
- Suggest format and areas of survey results to focus on for the September closed general meeting
- Suggest guest for October meeting
- Agenda items for September 9th CPI EC meeting with President Young
- Other business

Attachments: 2015 CPI Brochure
What items were addressed by CPI during 2014-15?

- Improving services through Texas A&M System
- Sponsored Research Services (SRS)
- Vision 2020 Research Areas and Strategic Planning
- Research Development Fund (RDF)
- Research Compliance and Biosafety
- Texas A&M System IT
- Sponsored Research Services (SRS)
- Improving services through Texas A&M System

2015 CPI Officers

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2015 Executive Committee

Members:
- Jason Whisnant (Director, ex-officio)
- Vytas Bankaitas (Medicine)
- Darren DePoy (Science)
- Steve DiMarco (Geosciences)
- Amna Hafiz (Engeneering)
- Penny Riggins (Agriculture & Life Sciences)
- VVlas Bankaleias (Medicine)
- Teresa Wilcox (Liberal Arts)
- Robert Show (Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences)

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Brief History
The CPI began in 1984, with research-active faculty meeting informally to discuss ways to strengthen the research infrastructure and provide support for researchers at Texas A&M University. The group briefly joined the Faculty Senate in 1985, but chose to separate from the Senate to serve as an independent and faculty-governed council representing the interests of the Texas A&M research community.

Who does the CPI represent?
The CPI is a representative body of 40-50 elected members representing over 2,100 Principal Investigators (PIs) from Texas A&M, TEES, HSC, TTI and AgriLife Research. A PI is defined as an individual who has served as a PI or Co-PI on at least one extramurally funded Texas A&M research project, or an individual who has served as a PI or Co-PI on one or more Texas A&M research proposals.

Governance
The CPI is committed to the continued improvement of the research environment for students, faculty, and staff. The CPI and the PIs it represents endeavor to work with the Texas A&M administration to provide an effective and efficient research organization and to achieve the goal of being nationally recognized by those organizations and the administration.

Mission and Purpose
The CPI is committed to the continued improvement of the research environment for students, faculty, and staff.

Communication/Website
The CPI distributes an electronic monthly newsletter, announcing items of interest for PIs and the research community. Newsletters are archived at http://cpi.tamu.edu/archives. At http://cpi.tamu.edu, visitors can find the CPI membership roster and contact information, meeting dates/times, archived meeting materials and videos, and other resources.

Questions
Send questions or suggestions about improving the website to cpi@tamu.edu or 979-458-1861.

Member Tools and Resources
The Texas A&M research community directs to the CPI Coordinator at cpi@tamu.edu or 979-458-1861, and provides an annual census conducted each spring. After the census, each college/unit's number of CPI members is determined. The number of CPI members is determined by the chair of the Texas A&M research community.

Council Activities
The CPI meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and can be watched live at http://ttvn.tamu.edu/streams on Channel 20.

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