
CPI Newsletter – December 2018

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Update from Dr. David Threadgill, CPI Chair

December CPI News – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met with administrators on December 5, 2018. Discussions during the meeting were opportunities for faculty to participate in the upcoming President's Excellence Fund. Discussions continue on the Research Development Fund (RDF). Updates in the RDF (RDF Version 2.0) criteria and submission guidelines for 2019 will be distributed to PIs early January.

CPI Contacts – The complete 2018-19 roster of CPI Representatives and the executive committee can be found on the CPI website at http://cpi.tamu.edu/membership/18-19_membership. Previous membership lists can be found in the council [archive](#). Thank you to all the CPI representatives who have served as representatives for PIs during the past year.

The CPI-EC continues to meet with President Young and Provost Fierke each month that there are agenda items. Both meetings were canceled in November due to no agenda items and other meeting conflicts. If there are items of concern that impact the research environment, we would like to hear from you. All PIs are encouraged to communicate with their representatives to bring forward items of concern or interest for the research community. Please continue to bring research-related issues (and solutions) to my attention at CPI@tamu.edu.

Reminder: Due to the holiday schedule, the January 2019 General CPI meeting will be ***one week later*** - Wednesday, January 16, 2019, Rudder 601. The LANL Team will provide an update to CPI at the January 16, 2019 meeting.

Contact Rebecca Luckey, rluckey@tamu.edu or 979.862.9166, for more information or to suggest agenda items for our monthly meetings.

International Shipping Survey – December 14th

As a friendly reminder, the Texas A&M University Export Controls Office sent out a survey to learn more about how items, materials, software, technology, and/or information are being shipped internationally. If you are involved in international shipping and have not yet completed, please complete the survey by December 14, 2018. It should take less than 5 minutes, and all responses are anonymous. The link for the survey is: https://tamu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5B8Chf6bGUHyuLX

Please feel free to contact Rayland VanNorman at (979) 458-3149 or raylandc@tamu.edu with any questions or concerns regarding this survey, or if you would like a copy of the original email.

Export Controls Designated Liaison Network

The University's Export Control Designated Liaison Network consists of TAMU offices with responsibility for administering components of TAMU's export control compliance program. The department/unit representatives coordinate with the Export Controls Office on export control compliance. Representatives from the AgriLife and TEES Export Control offices also participate. The group meets on a periodic basis to discuss export control issues of concern, ensure coordination of compliance efforts, assist each other on developing enhancements to existing processes and procedures, and to share training resources and best practices. Mr. Ray VanNorman (Raylandc@tamu.edu), the Director of the TAMU Export Controls Office (exportcontrols@tamu.edu), is the Facilitator of the Network.

In addition to representatives of TAMU offices with responsibility for administering components of the export control compliance program, faculty representation through the CPI was requested for the group. The

faculty representatives do not serve as department/unit designated liaisons but do provide input to the group from a faculty perspective.

Some notes from the November 29 meeting:

- (a) The Department of Commerce is requesting comments on proposed rulemaking for Review of Controls for Certain Emerging Technologies. Comments should be submitted by December 19, 2018. See Nov. 19's Federal Register 83 (223):58201-58202 for more information;
- (b) Export Control fields are coming soon to FAMIS;
- (c) NIH has expressed concern about foreign entities systematically seeking to influence NIH researchers and peer reviewers, thus is working with other agencies to improve accurate reporting of all sources of research support, financial interests, and relevant affiliations; mitigate risks to IP security, and take additional steps to protect integrity of peer review. The TAMU Conflict of Interest and Responsible Conduct of Research office will be providing additional guidance;
- (d) then-Attorney General Sessions released a notice in early November that a China Initiative has been created to address Chinese economic espionage against the U.S. Some goals of the Initiative may influence universities, including developing an enforcement strategy concerning non-traditional collectors (e.g., researchers in universities) that are being coopted into transferring technology contrary to U.S. interests, and educating colleges and universities about potential threats to academic freedom and open discourse from influence efforts on campus;
- (e) Bill Taylor provided an immigration update: new regulations are in place concerning penalties for Unlawful Presence in the U.S. These penalties are significant. Notices are periodically sent to students to remind them to avoid unauthorized employment or letting documents expire, at the risk of being barred from the U.S. for up to 3 or even 10 years.

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Limited Submission Proposal Opportunities

The list of current Limited Submission Proposal (LSP) opportunities, maintained by the Division of Research, is available at <https://u.tamu.edu/LSP>. To receive notifications about new LSP opportunities as soon as they are announced, email Ms. Shelly Martin at shelly.martin@tamu.edu.

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