

CPI Executive Committee Meeting with President Banks, Jack Baldauf, Greg Hartman

Wednesday – October 5, 2022, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

JKW – Suite 200, Rudder Memorial Conference Room & Zoom

Discussion Items: (Moderated by Dr. Debjyoti Banerjee, 2022-2023 CPI Chair)

• **Discussions from the State of the University Address**

- Investment in people of 500 faculty with \$50M in startup packages
 - Will this be tenure research faculty or include lecturers
 - In Recruiting and retaining faculty – will there be additional services provided for young faculty families (i.e., increased child care services for faculty)
- Hiring National Academy Members
 - Any thoughts/plans about developing and growing faculty already at TAMU to become National Academy Award winners rather than going elsewhere to find
- Translational Research
 - ASCEND Program committing \$6M annually; can more information be shared to understand what this program is
 - The message understood was to increase NIH by building buildings. Is this in relation to the hiring of 500 faculty, or something else?
 - Regrading growing NIH – there is a need for more infrastructure: faculty and buildings are both needed as the percent of faculty at TAMU that bring in NIH is small relatively to NSF or other avenues. *Example: ~80 of the 90 faculty within HSC Medicine have NIH funding. More faculty are needed in order to increase the NIH numbers*
 - Additional Data Statisticians (Good Big Data people) are needed to help relieve the shortage on campus for helping NIH faculty
 - Advanced Discovery to Market (ADM) program with \$5M funding (annually) from the System Office; can more information to shared on when and what this new program qualifications might be for research faculty

• **Other Discussion Items**

- Looking at MGT and Centralization Implementations –
 - Why is this centralization being done and what is the data TAMU received to justify the facilities services and IT services being centralized

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- Are there peer institutions that have had successful centralized services that TAMU will be modeling
- how is TAMU measuring and what is being collected (what is being measured) to better understand if this is positively or negatively effecting research at TAMU
- Are there goals/matrix in place for reviewing after 6 months and then 1 year of the effectiveness of these centralized services?
- Reducing Burdens on Faculty with paperwork and searching for outside services to do their research
 - Example: TIPS, NCTM, BSL3 facilities – faculty are often unable to utilize the services that these facilities indicate they provide to on campus faculty due to extreme excessive cost, in ability to schedule with the high turnover of staff making it an obstacle to utilize these facilities
 - Investing in Core Facilities – the need for funding to improve services at Bioinformatics Core Facility. Currently are able to provide only partial results on what researchers are needing and researchers then have to find external facilities to finish

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