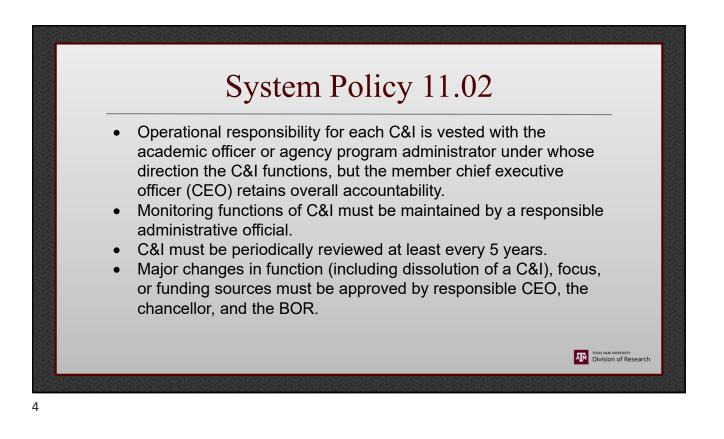


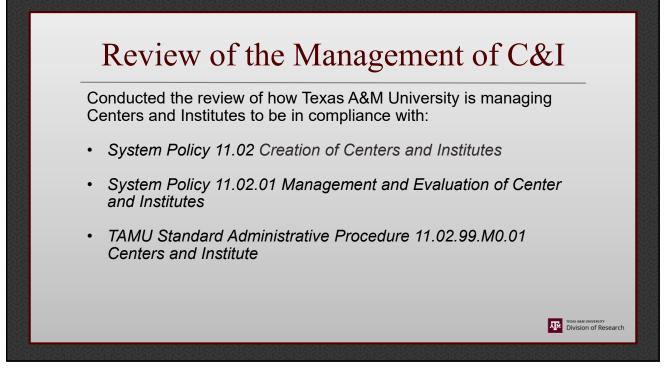
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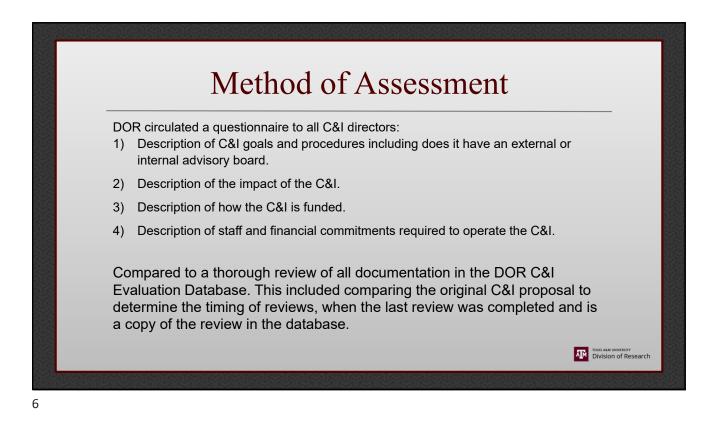
Center – (a) smaller, interdisciplinary collaborative effort, revolving around a specific research or education activity, whose participants involve more than one academic department or unit; (b) administered by a director or agency director or below; (c) focused on largely externally supported research or education activities broader than those interests of a given department or administrative unit.

Institute – (a) large integrative units, housing intercollegiate or interagency activities; (b) administered by a director reporting to a dean or agency director or above; (c) focused on largely external supported research or educational activities much broader than those interests of a given department or administrative unit.







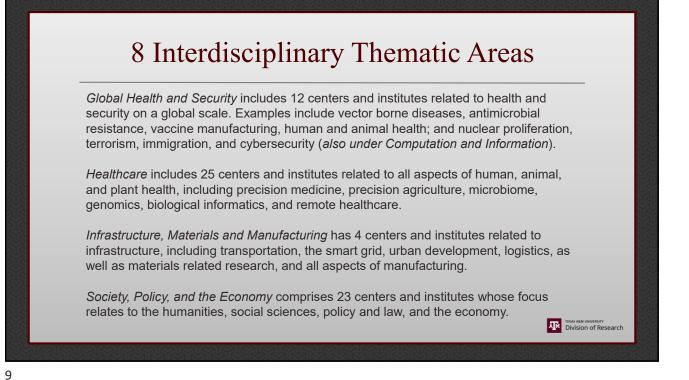


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TAMU C&I

- 63 Centers and 49 Institutes operating under the direction of TAMU.
 112 total C&I.
- 6 of these C&I are jointly administered with the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES).
- 10 are jointly administered with Texas A&M AgriLife (AgriLife).
- Every college and school at TAMU has at least one C&I adloc to it, except for the College of Dentistry.
- College of Arts and Sciences has the largest number of C&I with 25.

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Summary of Lessons Learned

Issue 1: There are inconsistencies in how the reviews of C&I are initiated, in how different administrative units (College and Schools) were conducting those reviews, and how those administrative units were reporting the results of the review back to the DOR.

Corrective Action: The DOR will implement a common set of practices for the implementation including a common timeline for C&I review that will be incorporated into the revised University SAP and C&I Operations Manual which will serve as a minimum standard for reviewing C&I. Administrative units (College and Schools) will be charged with implementing the C&I reviews process according to DOR guidelines.

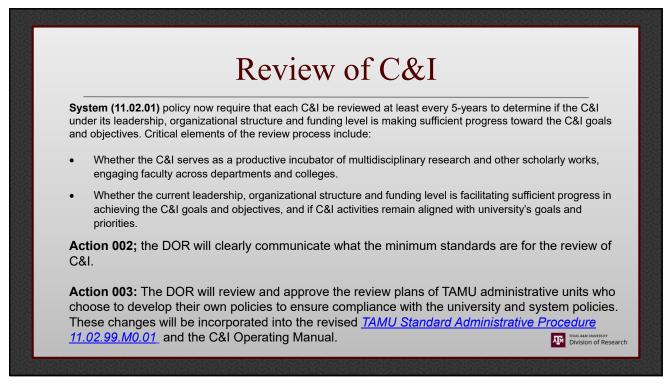
Review of C&I

Action 001: Annual reports will now be required from all TAMU C&I Directors which will be reviewed by the appropriate oversite unit administrator, or their designee and those annual reports filed with the DOR.

Examples of some assessment criteria include:

- Evidence of scholarly impact
- o Evidence of educational opportunities
- o Evidence of multidisciplinary and global engagement
- o Evidence of effective governance and administration
- o Evaluation of the overall impact
- o Assessment of future plans and challenges

The annual report informs decisions on unit resources and provides an opportunity for the administrating unit to ensure the C&I is making acceptable progress towards achieving its stated goals as well as making contributions to the universities mission.



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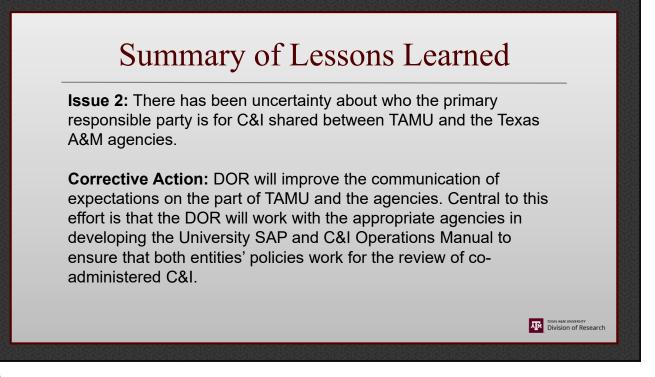
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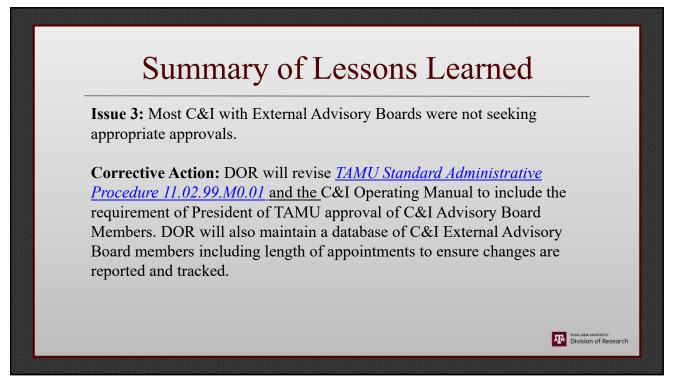
- A C&I directors self-assessment report that includes a review of the accomplishments of the C&I, challenges the C&I has faced, and the future opportunities and goals of the C&I.
- The unit head appoints a review committee with relevant expertise. The review committee may include faculty experts from peer university or programs.
- The review committee will usually base its evaluation on the self-assessment document and should consider the mission statement and goals of the C&I. Reviews can include site visits, interviews with key members of the C&I and other relevant faculty and administrators, as well as students engaged with the C&I.
- The review committee prepares and submits an assessment report and recommendations to the unit head (usually dean) who distributes the report to the C&I director and affiliated department heads.
- The C&I director prepares a response to the evaluation.
- The unit head submits the assessment, directors' response, and any recommendations to the VPR office. The VPR or designee shall review the reports and may provide comments and/or recommendations as to improvements or other actions that may be indicated, including personnel actions, modifications of the center or institute's mission or programs, or dissolution of the C&I.

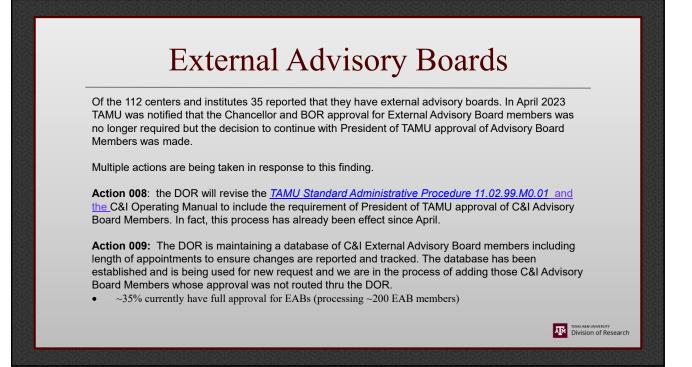
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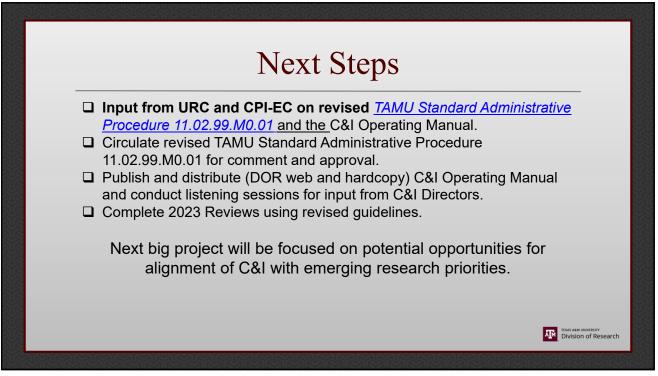
Action 004: Implement a common timeline for C&I review that will be incorporated into the revised University SAP and C&I Operations Manual.

Action 005: Revise and improve the "centers and institutes evaluation document receipt and process check sheet" to incorporate a tracking calendar with set milestones for completion of the different stages of the review process and to help ensure the appropriate evaluation of the reviews by the appropriate university-level administrative office. This form/tracking system will also be used to track any further actions that need to be taken based on the review recommendation and to ensure reviews are submitted to the System on an annual basis.













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RDF

As the current Research Development Fund (RDF) agreement (RDF 3.0) expired August 31, 2023, the Interagency Coordination Group (ICG) has been working on a proposal to continue RDF.

- a. Support amongst the ICG and the stakeholders for the RDF program.
- b. ICG recognizes the current uncertainty that exist within Texas A&M University and the agencies.
- c. In particular with the number of leaders in interim rolls.

The ICG agrees to a one-year agreement to continue the RDF collaborative program as described in version RDF 3.0.

RDF 3.0 for FY24 Continue with the 10% IDC system member contribution to the RDF program as defined below:	
	a. Instrumentation proposals in the form of instrumentation acquisition or matching funds for
	other significant proposal submissions.
	b. Facilities proposals including traditional STEM/laboratory facilities, as well as more broadly
	defined facilities including innovation hubs, think tanks, policy focused centers, and visual
	and performing arts facilities among others.
	c. Programs that support interdisciplinary research and creative ideas/art/policy formation
	spanning multiple colleges, schools, and agencies with a focus on capacity building.
	d. Proposal will be reviewed by the RDF Advisory Committee (RDF-AC) who make
	recommendation to the RDF Management Committee.

RDF 3.0 for FY24

B. 2% Recurring Support (RDF-RF), partial recurring support for existing shared core facilities to support recurring cost associated with operating core facilities. Proposals would continue to be reviewed by the RDF Recurring Fund Committee (RDF-RF) making recommendations to RDF-Management Committee.

C. 3% for combined **Collaborative Strategic Initiatives** and **Immediate Priorities** to support strategic research priorities across Texas A&M University and the Agencies, new opportunities, and to address unforeseen challenges. RDF-Management committee will work collaboratively to make funding decisions.

This extension will continue with a 5% IDC contribution to the **TAMU/Agency Program Development Fund**. The intent of this funding element is to increase overall competitiveness in advancing strategic
priorities of the individual units and provide the flexibility to meet unforeseen challenges and
opportunities.

