



ARC NOTES

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HOLD THAT DATE!!!

Please put a hold on your calendar for **April 15, 9-12** (coffee, etc. at 8:30) for our next ARC meeting. The meeting will be held in Room 115 of the Biomedical Research Tower. More later...

ARC NOTES

This is the first issue of ARC NOTES, a publication specifically designed for ARC members and the research administration community. It will be highly informal and sent out via email when we have something new to share. This is not the formal newsletter that the Communications Working Group is looking into.



NIH AWARD BUDGETS

Since the new budget has finally been worked out, we have been informed that only 1 percent is being provided for non-competing awards that were previously promised a 3 percent increase. Individual Institutes have discretion on how to allocate the 1 percent – it does not have to be across the board. The average cost of competing grants is allowed to increase by 1 percent (allowing NIH to support an estimated 9700 new grants in FY08). NIH will seek to fund a number of new investigators that reflects the average number over the past five years. Finally the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA)

stipends, tuition, and training-related expenses will be flat funded at FY07 levels.

ARC CARMEN

We have established a CARMEN site for ARC. All members have been enrolled. Go to <http://carmen.osu.edu> and enter your OSU ID and PW. On your CARMEN homepage you will see “The Office of Research” under “My Courses” and a link to “AdministrativeResearchCouncil.” (You may need to expand this section by

clicking on the box next to “The Office of Research.”) This will take you to the main ARC page. CARMEN will allow us to offer training and communications to ARC members in a more secure environment.

ARC PROGRESS

The Working Groups established at our last meeting made significant progress already. Notes from their sessions have been posted on ARC-CARMEN. Go to the ARC page, click on “Content” in the upper horizontal navigation bar, and then choose your Working Group Meeting Notes.

ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

The President's National Science & Technology Council (NSTC) has issued a new set of federal grant terms and conditions that can be used for research and research-related projects funded by

federal granting agencies. These new rules will simplify the administration of grants by further standardizing the way in which federal sponsors of research implement Circular A-110 (2 CFR Part 215) grants administration regulations. We'll be providing more information about this soon. For those of you who just can't wait, you can see the Federal Register Notice at: <http://frwebgate2.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?WAISdocID=534218351124+2+0+0&WAIAction=retrieve>

and the new terms at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rtc/index.jsp>

THE 2008 RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Changing Environment for Academic Research

PART ONE – For those who missed Howard Gobstein's talk, "Universities Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Challenges in Aligning State and Federal Needs," which was part of this year's Office of Research Symposium Series, you can catch it on video at: <http://research.osu.edu/ortec/training/online/gobstein.cfm> Howard is the Vice President for Research Policy at our Land Grant association in Washington. He gave a very interesting talk about where University research will be heading in the future, as the state and the nation call upon universities to become engines of economic development.

PART TWO – Dr. Susan Butts, Washington policy liaison for Dow Chemical, will make the second presentation in this year's Symposium Series on **February 21, starting at 3 pm, at the Blackwell Ballroom A**. Susan will be talking about the importance of University-Industry Research Collaborations for the future of our country. You might want to mark this date on your calendar.

ENCORE

A number of people have asked for the reference to administrative costs and supplies that Bob Killoren quoted from A-21 at the last meeting. Here it is:

F.6.b.(2) & (3)

(2) The salaries of administrative and clerical staff should normally be treated as F&A costs. Direct charging of these costs may be appropriate where a major project or activity explicitly budgets for administrative or clerical services and individuals involved can be specifically identified with the project or activity. "Major project" is defined as a project that requires an extensive amount of administrative or clerical support, which is significantly greater than the routine level of such services provided by academic departments. Some examples of major projects are described in Exhibit C.

(3) Items such as office supplies, postage, local telephone costs, and memberships shall normally be treated as F&A costs.

ULAR DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Congratulations to Valerie Bergdall, DVM, who has been appointed as the director of University Laboratory Animal Resources.



She is a Full Professor – Clinical, in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. She will be continuing her own research program.

CAYUSE AWARDS

The University is starting to hear about proposals submitted last spring to the NIH using the new CAYUSE electronic proposal system. So far, 19 awards have been issued and 36 awards are pending issuance. Now that NIH has a budget plan for 2008, we hope even more new awards will be announced.