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OSP By The Numbers

Data from March—May 2014

Experts from OSP & SPAA will be teaching on August 21, 2014 in NOA 5.318:

SP 101 Preaward
Elena Mota
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

SP 102 Postaward
Michael Martindale & Joy Hatch
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Find details on TXClass.

>20 Number of countries from which our university received awards March-May.

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Institutional recipients of federal funds Dr. Sedwick represented when she testified before a joint hearing of the Oversight and Research & Technology Subcommittees of the U.S. House Committee on Space, Science and Technology on the topic "Reducing the Administrative Workload for Faculty Funded Research." Continued on Page 2

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Reducing Administrative Workload for Faculty

Dr. Susan Sedwick, Associate Vice President for Research and Director of the Office of Sponsored Projects in her capacity as chair of the Federal Demonstration Project (FDP) testified on June 12 at a joint hearing of the Oversight and Research & Technology Subcommittees of the U.S. House Committee on Space, Science and Technology on the topic “Reducing the Administrative Workload for Faculty Funded Research.”

The FDP is a cooperative initiative among 10 federal agencies and 119 institutional recipients of federal funds for Phase V sponsored by the Government, University, Industry Research Roundtable of the National Academies. Its purpose is to reduce the administrative burdens associated with research grants and contracts. Dr. Sedwick has served as chair for the entire six years of Phase V which began in 2008. Phase VI begins in October.

Subsequent to the hearing, Rep. Larry Buschon (R-IN), chair of the Subcommittee on Science and Technology introduced HR5056 as the Research and Development Efficiency Act aimed at improving the efficiency of Federal research and development. Passed by the House on July 15 and pending approval by the Senate, the act will direct the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to establish a working group under the authority of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) to include the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The group will:

- review federal regulations affecting research and research universities;
- make recommendations on how to harmonize, streamline and eliminate duplicative federal regulations and reporting requirements; and
- minimize the regulatory burden on US institutions of higher education performing federally funded research, without sacrificing accountability for Federal tax dollars.

The bill calls for stakeholder input to include federally and non-federally funded researchers.

Also testifying were Dr. Arthur Bienenstock, Dr. Gina Lee-Glauser and Ms. Allison Lerner. Dr. Bienenstock is Professor emeritus of Photon Science, Special Assistant to the President for Federal Research Policy and Director of the Wallenberg Research Link at Stanford University. Dr. Lee-Glauser is Vice President for Research at Syracuse University. Ms. Lerner is Inspector General of the National Science Foundation (NSF). An archived webcast of the hearing is available.

The FDP conducted surveys in 2005 and 2012 that resulted in reports issued in 2007 and 2014 that documented that federally-funded principal investigators spend 42 percent of their research time allocated to those projects on administrative workload. Also testifying were Dr. Arthur Bienenstock, Dr. Gina Lee-Glauser and Ms. Allison Lerner. Dr. Bienenstock is Professor emeritus of Photon Science, Special Assistant to the President for Federal Research Policy and Director of the Wallenberg Research Link at Stanford University. Dr. Lee-Glauser is Vice President for Research at Syracuse University. Ms. Lerner is Inspector General of the National Science Foundation (NSF). An archived webcast of the hearing is available.

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Audits, Desk Reviews, & Data Requests
On behalf of UT Austin's Researchers, in the months March through June 2014, SPAA has/will handle several data requests from sponsors and government:
- CPRIT audit
- Dept of Education RFI
- National Renewal Energy Lab desk review
- NSF payment reviews
- 66 single-audit certification requests (A-133)
- Texas Comptroller’s Office desk review
- UTEP desk review
If you are contacted about an audit, please contact SPAA
oa.jrichter@austin.utexas.edu. SPAA is available to assist with the audit process and can serve as your liaison with the auditors.

Welch Reporting Season
Recipients should look for emails from:
★ OSP regarding the details of their progress report submission, and
★ SPAA’s Alex Lewis and Robert Prentiss in preparation for the Welch financial reporting → Both due July 21st.

Alex and Robert will be preparing the reports for our Welch recipients in June and early July. Alex Lewis and Robert Prentiss are great resources for questions about Welch financial reporting.

For Welch award recipients the annual progress report and financial statement for the year 6/1/13-5/31/14, will be due to the Welch Foundation by July 31, 2014.

Awardees please send your signed progress report to Christian Pfeiffer Flores by July 21st, so these can be countersigned by the Vice President for Research Dr. Juan Sanchez and then shipped to the Welch Foundation.

Info about the Welch Foundation Grants and Awards is available here:
http://www.welch1.org/

Effort Thanks
We want to thank everyone who contributed to another very successful effort reporting cycle. We especially wish to thank the departments who completed 100% of their effort reporting early by day 30, without requiring additional reminders. (Those with >5 projects to report for this cycle:)

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BUSINESS
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Depts & Centers:
Advertising
Aerospace Engineering
Alcohol/Addiction Rsch

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Art & Art History
Biology
Bur Economic Geology
Computer Science
Ctr Agile Technology
Ctr Const Industry Std
Ctr for Gnn Chem & Cat
Ctr For Info Security
Ctr for Nonlinear Dyn
Ctr Perceptual Systems
Dana Ctr Sci & Math Ed
Evaluational Psych
European Studies
Ferguson Struc Engr Lb
Geotechnical Eng Ctr
Geography & Environmt
Government
History
Human Ecology
IC2
Imaging Rsch Ctr
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SPAA processed March--May.
Meet Sandra Neveling, Federal II Billing Teammate in SPAA

How many years have you been with OSP?
I have worked in OSP SPAA for eleven months. I began working at UT Austin in Fall 2009.

What do you enjoy here on the UT campus?
I enjoy the architecture of the buildings, and the constant flow of events and activities to participate in.

What are your hobbies?
My hobbies include reading, hiking with my dogs, and writing. On the weekend I enjoy going to the movies, playing board games with my friends, and trying new restaurants.

Spotlight On –
SPAA’s Sandra Neveling

Where do you enjoy dining here on the 40 acres?
I like to eat at Verts which serves mouthwatering kebaps. http://www.vertskebap.com/

Why do you prefer to work here at UT Austin, rather than another institution or organization?
I prefer to work at UT Austin over any other institution because of the feeling of community and the good-naturedness of those I work with.
Newsletter -- Awareness

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

NIH Salary Cap for Summer 2014: Executive Level II $181,500 Prorated

NIH Salary Cap Calculator tool
http://www.utexas.edu/research/osp/documents/nih_hhs_salary_cap_calculator.xls

Federal Demonstration Partnership

FDP May 2014 Meeting Presentations
http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA_051651.htm

Council On Governmental Relations

COGR Guide to the OMB Uniform Guidance
http://www.cogr.edu/

Professional Development Opportunities

Professional Grant Writing Resource
http://www.grantcentral.com/workbooks.html

NCURA Summer Events
http://www.ncura.edu/Education/Calendar.aspx

SRA Summer Events
http://srainternational.org/learn/calendar

The Research Administrators Certification Council (RACC) is offering a Fall 2014 Certified Research Administrator (CRA) examination. The testing window is November 8 – 22, 2014.

If you are planning on taking the Fall exam and you would like to participate in a mentoring group, please send an email to evmota@austin.utexas.edu.

Most recent CRAs include Elena Mota, Melinda McGlaun, and Sylvia Celedon. They can share their insights with you to help you decide.

Congratulations to our newest CRA – Elena Mota!

OSP SPAA alumna Melinda McGlaun is also a new CRA! Learn more: http://www.cra-cert.org