

RAC Minutes
April 9, 2009

I. Moment of Silence

In honor of the memories of the loved ones the RAC hasn't seen while working so strenuously for Obama, we took a moment of silence to calm our frazzled minds. (Seriously, we did.) Next month: Breathing, the I Ching way.

II. Education Committee of RAC

OMB Circular Training Seminar May 18

\$75 gets you post and pre award topics and a chance to meet Pat Holmes sister.

All are encouraged to attend and to pay.

III. ORD -Dennis

A. Stimulus Guidance

NIH FAQ session- view NIH website and you can see all kinds of info related to stimulus grant.

A link can be found on the ORD website.

B. Phone calls.

ORD does not want you to call between 10 and 12. It seems the ORD staff has been seen on the phone from 10-12, which means you're calling and not that they're answering.

! Sue Hobbs has gone phone-less. You'll now only find her on blackberry. Soon, she will be living in the data stream. Go Sue.

C. Admin Supplements

If paper supplement and /or PDF- you submit.

BUT- if competitive supplement- ORD submits for you. These still need to route via COEUS.

D. ARRA Stimulus grants

When doing these in COEUS:

- hit 1 the add button and then 2 the asterisk and then 3 find ARRA funding.
- Choose the one that matches.
- Vital to complete this tab as correct as possible as Dean's office uses this info to gauge projections- jobs, funding, etc from ARRA.

ORD estimates 64% proposal increase due to ARRA

E. Working group stimulus committee

put in place with the SOM so that they're successful in funding positions timely on the stimulus grants.

Suggestion is that these folks hired for stimulus be contractual employees-but the type of person a dept hires is up to the dept.

Committee is reviewing exceptions to procurement & other rules:

- for example SOM w/ Univ procurement –how can we get exceptions to the BPW; how can we get things through the system as fast as possible to spend the stimulus money.
- IRB, IACUC will increase meeting to 2 a month- more if needed

F. Stimulus Reporting

- Reports due 10th day after the quarter ends
- Working w/CITS to make a web based reports
- No report done, you lose the money.
- July- anticipated awarded dates. However, if you were awarded one June 29, you will need to report by July 10 for quarter ending June 30th. Good luck.

G. COEUS RAVEN reporting-

- Did not meet March deadline
- ORD was told it can't go live on COEUS RAVEN until the 7,875 discrepancies between RAVEN and COEUS are corrected.
- Training for COEUS RAVEN reporting will be conducted by the campus.

H. SOM Distribution List

updated to ORD. If you are not getting email, contact Alicia Miles in the dean's office to get on the award distribution list and/or proposal list.

III. ORD Sub recipient Agreement form from ORD Website

Jeannie and the other guy.

A. Demonstration of new online form:

- The new form will simplify your life! ?As you key in the data, the subR form will populate fields with existing data already in COEUS.
- You will then add what's missing.
- You select your type- modification or new. If modification, you will need the PO number and the eumb proj id. This allows ORD to fill in a lot of the info from existing sources. (Key- you will need a PO number.)
- If new- new will have more info for you to complete.
- IRB IACUC approvals- if you have them at the time of form completion, you can add them.
- Once you submit, you'll get an email and a web acknowledgement and ORD will assign the sub a serial number.
- PI and the admin will receive form and you will need the PI to sign it- this has to be a real signature.
- You will also get an email letting you know when the sub has been routed to other institutions.
- A visual indication of what's required will be added to the form.

1 PM – several people leave to go the next meeting that they all had to attend.

1:05 PM- even more people leave.

B. Discussion-

can you start a sub without a proj id? No. Why?

Subs can't get going with missing info.

Suggestion – we use a different key to pull info- such as the COEUS award number as the information is in COEUS and it's more efficient to get the sub started rather than waiting until later and later.

Jeannie will consider.

1:15 PM even more people have left. About 8 remain.

More discussion. Back and forth.

(Jeannie got beat up. But by then, most of the group had left. So it was a private beat up)

With a non comp continuation- can you do the sub process even if the awarded money has not been put into RAVEN? That is, you know you're getting the money and you want to keep working moving.

ORD will look into this.

1:20 Meeting called to a close.