

**OGRD Items:**

- a. Introduction of Lauralea Edwards from Purchasing by Sara Kinser, she will be giving a demonstration of the new Spend Compass tool.
  - a. Spend Compass tool (Lauralea Edwards) – Spend Compass is a tool developed to aid in the purchase of various equipment. It provides the ability to compare what others have paid and what the average price has been. By seeing the average price paid for a specific item, it enables us to negotiate prices more effectively. Items can be looked up generically and by vendor depending on departmental needs. For more information, see handouts and contact Lauralea in Purchasing.
- b. Introduction of Roger Feeley – Sara introduced Roger and then he shared a little of his background and what his work will focus on and encouraged the departments to contact him regarding any MTA, NDA, Master Agreements or contracts that needed negotiating.
- c. Cost Share – Sara reminded everyone that if the agency doesn't request cost share and a PI puts language in the proposal (in the budget or the budget justification) that could be construed as cost share, i.e., they quantify a dollar amount or add a dollar amount to the support being offered from WSU, this would be considered cost share. This means that OGRD would expect to see the cost share on the REX Form, in the budget, and it would need to be approved. Sara suggested that the PI shouldn't quantify the amount of "other support" on the project to ensure that the language will not be considered cost share language. She also reminded the RAC about the "other support" language in G2, which can be added to the proposal, if the PI wants to show other support on the project, which is not cost share.
- d. SPA reminder – we have scheduled this day-long workshop in collaboration with the University of Idaho. It will be held at the University Inn-Best Western on May 15<sup>th</sup>, the registration/survey of workshop paperwork will be sent out shortly. This will be a great opportunity to learn and develop professionally.
- e. Super Circular – if anyone is interested in offering any feedback on the updates/changes, please feel free to send them to OGRD as WSU will be putting together a response and sending it out to the agency.

**SPS Items:**

None