COVID-19 update with Q&A session

- Matt Michener
  - Latest updates: [https://research.wsu.edu/covid-19/](https://research.wsu.edu/covid-19/)
    - Now at Stage 2
  - Reach out for assistance to Levi O'Loughlin or research@wsu.edu

Internal Audit Update

- Heather Lopez
  - Huge uptick in complaints since last October
    - Working to close outstanding audits before beginning new audits
      - Delay in audit processing
      - Reminder:
        - ECRs need to be sent back to SPS
        - All support needed for grant expenditures
        - Need to be flexible and reporting hours accurately

Office of Research Advancement and Partnership

- Sammy Rodriguez
  - Research week: researchweek.wsu.edu
    - Travel Competition
    - Multi-disciplinary Competition
    - RA and 10K Competition
    - New Faculty Seed Grants
  - Register for events: orap.wsu.edu/events/
    - Registration required
    - Great networking opportunities and information for new faculty
    - Key presentations:
      - Dr. J. Patrick Fitch, PhD (Los Alamos National Lab) – “Multidisciplinary Research and Development to Improve COVID-19 Understanding and Response”
      - “Women in Research: Challenges and Pathways to Success”
    - Emily Brashear: point of contact

Sponsored Programs Services

- Casey St. Clair
  - Staffing updates
    - Down four positions
    - Two unable to fill due to budget
    - Two project-based, limited timeframe
      - Completing background checks and offering
  - Unemployment contributions on project 14 accounts
    - Project 14 has not had contributions in the past
Research Admin Community (RAC) Meeting Minutes

September 03, 2020

- 0.27% of gross income
- Increased from 0.18% in other accounts
- Will not affect earning
- Should not need to re-budget
- Contact SPS accountant for sponsor pushback

Modernization cutover
- Tentative timeline:
  - Nov. 15: deadline for all setup and ECRs
  - Nov. 20: Download legacy transfer in AIS; soft freeze in AIS
  - Dec. 05: Hard freeze, no transfer in Legacy system
  - Dec. 15: Hard freeze on invoicing
  - Dec. 16: HCM go-live
  - Jan 01: Go-live

Reminder:
- Send ECR to dept electronically
- ECRs send separate and as priority
- Casey to send out timeline and link:
  - https://modernization.wsu.edu/cutover/
  - Talk to change agents for solid timelines

Office of Research Support and Operations

- Matthew Michener
  - Working on changes to budget workbook
    - Will send out draft before go-live
  - Changes to eREX
    - Q13: Foreign influence (for transparency)
    - Q14: Confidential Data
      - Email will be sent before go-live
    - PI and CoI change in setup
  - NSF
    - New biosketch template
      - Email with FAQ sent out
    - Agency touchy with Foreign Influence

Staffing changes:
- Jessica Smith-Kaprosy: last day Sept. 4th
- Anke Moore: Sub-awards and MTA-Out
- Jason Oliver: DUA, NDA, MTA-In
- Contact ORSO if unsure
  - orso@wsu.edu
  - Spokane: Deb Cox
  - Vancouver: Diane Rathbun

The next RAC meeting will be December 03, 2020 11AM-12PM via Zoom