

Research Admin Community (RAC) Meeting Minutes

September 03, 2020

COVID-19 update with Q&A session

- Matt Michener
 - Latest updates: <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

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- 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 Col 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