

## FACULTY NOTES - FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PARTNERSHIP MEETING May 12-13 2014

### FDP News

**FDP phase VI update:** 38 new institution applications were accepted for FDP membership into phase VI, bringing the total number of FDP member institutions to 156!

**May 2014 meeting is the largest!** More than 400 people attended the May meeting, nearly 100 more than usual!

**Uniform Guidance is currently set to be implemented Dec 26, 2014** and will affect applications for new awards and incremental awards. Several FDP sessions focused on its impact (pros and cons), see specific information below!

**Regulatory Burden:** FDP released the Faculty Workload Survey Report: <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fdp/index.htm>

### Federal Agency Update Highlights

**All Agencies:** There is a lot of focus by agencies on preparing for the Uniform Guidance (OmniCircular) from OMB. See below.

**NIH:** The principal news from NIH was the change in policy about grant resubmissions. A0 and A1 grants can be resubmitted as A0 grants under the new policy. There is no change in the A0 resubmission policy

**USDA:** The USDA will be releasing the NIFA Policy Guide for public comment through a notice in the Federal Register. The USDA will also transition to the SF-424 grant submission forms.

**GUIRR Topics:** A recent meeting on funding innovation will be on the GUIRR website soon ([www.nas.edu/guiirr](http://www.nas.edu/guiirr)). There will be an upcoming meeting on Convergence as a new model of science. Details can be found on the website.

### Committee, Task Force and Special Session Highlights

**Uniform Guidance (UG) Sessions (3):** Background: The purpose of UG is for elimination of duplicative and conflicting guidance; performance over compliance for accountability; efficient use of IT and resources; consistent and transparent treatment of costs and resources; limiting costs for best use of federal resources; standard business processes; family-friendly policies; stronger oversight; target audits on risk of waste, fraud, and abuse. Noted UG benefits to faculty include: 1) standard funding opportunity announcements and format with at least a 60 day lead time; 2) award notes that contain FAIN (a federal award ID number) that is unique and government wide, 3) a clear set of terms will be noted in grant awards (ie: indicating what will need to be submitted during the funding period), 4) computing devices <\$5,000 can be charged to grants, 5) ability to have some clerical or admin salaries on grant with prior approval. Potential UG items that could increase faculty burden include: 1) a \$3,000 item purchase cost trigger for bidding/justification, 2) only 90 days will be given for full close out of grants (though this time period is historical, it is artificial and there is justification to increase it to 120 days to allow more time to draw from account), and 3) compensation (vacation) may only be paid from grant that it was earned on. U Minnesota and Michigan State U have developed somewhat similar implementation plans and are developing steering committees to help guide changes in their universities. For more details see posted slides on FDP website.

**Data Reproducibility** – Dr. Marcia McNutt, Editor and Chief of Science discussed data reproducibility. Reasons for lack of data replication include: lack of experimental information noted in publication, tacit knowledge (someone does something that they don't realize), the system is not sufficiently known, and there are false positive and negative results (potentially driven by bias). Reviewers can play a role. For preclinical studies 4 questions are asked to authors 1) what was the preclinical plan, 2) what was the sample size estimate, 3) were subjects randomly assigned to groups and 4) was there a blind analysis?

**Research Compliance Committee** – Research Compliance Subcommittees provided updates. The Human Research Protection subcommittee detailed a summary from the University of Michigan on their activities to reduce IRB burdens. A request was made for volunteer institutions to test the IRB Wizard Project to determine whether protocols can be exempt. The Animal Subcommittee is working on Wildlife Research FAQs and is forming a working group to review documents.

**SciENcv** (Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae) **version 2.0 has been released!** 4000 total profiles. Accomplishments can be uplinked from Orchid ID, ERA Commons, My Bibliography, My NCBI. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK154494/>

**ORCID IDs - Almost 700,000 now!** Several publishers including Orchid IDs (APS, Elsevier, Nature, PNAS, PLOS).

**Adobe forms for Grants.gov** – 85% submissions use adobe forms; the goal is to work toward populated, unstitched, save-able work-in-progress on line workspaces. FDP working groups for adobe forms will address: a) communication strategies, 2) format, 3) structure for hacking development, 4) what an issue list refresh should look like

**Data (Digital Accountability and Transparency Act)** – Obama signed to law, May 9, 2014, to reduce burden by automating financial reporting, decreasing duplication and compliance costs and standardizing reporting. \$1-2 billion pilot studies will be awarded to identify data elements, tiers of reporting, etc.... An FDP subcommittee could be developed to monitor this.

**Faculty Committee:** There was discussion of having a regular session for faculty at every FDP meeting. It could be on broad scale issues (like the data reducibility talk at this FDP meeting). The committee is looking for suggestions for potential future speakers and topics.

**TO VIEW FDP MEETING SLIDES GO TO:** [http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA\\_051651](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA_051651)