



FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PARTNERSHIP

Redefining the Government & University Research Partnership

Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP)

An activity convened by the Government-University-Industry
Research Roundtable (GUIRR) of the National Academies of
Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

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New Member Orientation

- Welcome to the FDP!
- A brief introduction to the FDP

Top 10 List

- Additional information included at the end



New Member Orientation

- **Question #1 – Who are the key people?**



Key People: Leadership

Cindy Hope
Chair

**Assistant Vice President for Research and Director
of the Office for Sponsored Programs**

The University of Alabama



Sandra Schneider
Vice Chair

**Professor of Psychology & Director of Center for
the Study of International Languages and Cultures**

University of South Florida





Key People: Executive Staff

David Wright

Executive Director



Claudette Baylor-Fleming

Administrative Coordinator





When & Where

- **Question #2 – When and where do we meet?**
- Meet three (3) times a year: September, January, May
 - Some times Sunday – Tuesday... Sometimes Wednesday – Friday
 - Always in Washington DC
- Future Dates:
 - 2016: Sept 21-23 *Hyatt Capital Hill*
 - 2017: Jan 8-10, May 10-12, Sept 6-8 *Hyatt Capital Hill*
 - 2018: Jan 7-9, May 9-11, Sept 5-7 *Hyatt Capital Hill*
 - 2019: Jan 23-25, May 19-21, Sept 22-24 *Omni Shoreham*



What is the FDP?

- **Question #3 – What is the FDP mission?**

Researchers doing science, not administration

- Association of federal agencies, academic and nonprofit research institutions, and research policy organizations that work together in a collaborative initiative to streamline the administration of federally sponsored research
- Improving the productivity of research without compromising its stewardship
- A unique forum for individuals from universities and nonprofits to work collaboratively with federal agency officials to improve the national research enterprise



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- Information exchange – common practices shared.



Membership

- **Question #5 – Who are FDP members?**
- 154 institutional recipients of federal funds
 - Includes 38 new members (Phase VI)
 - Includes 26 Emerging Research Institutions
- 10 Federal Agencies
 - NSF, NIH, ONR, USDA, AFOSR, ARO, AMRMC, NASA, EPA and DHS



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- **Question #6 – What are some examples of success?**



History of Success

- Expanded Authorities
- FDP Subaward Agreement
- Standard Government-wide Terms and Conditions
- Faculty Burden Survey
- FDP Clearinghouse related to FCOI
- ARRA Statistics
- FDP as key sounding board for Research Business Models Subcommittee of the Committee on Science, grants.gov, research.gov, etc.
- Congressional Testimony on Administrative Burdens

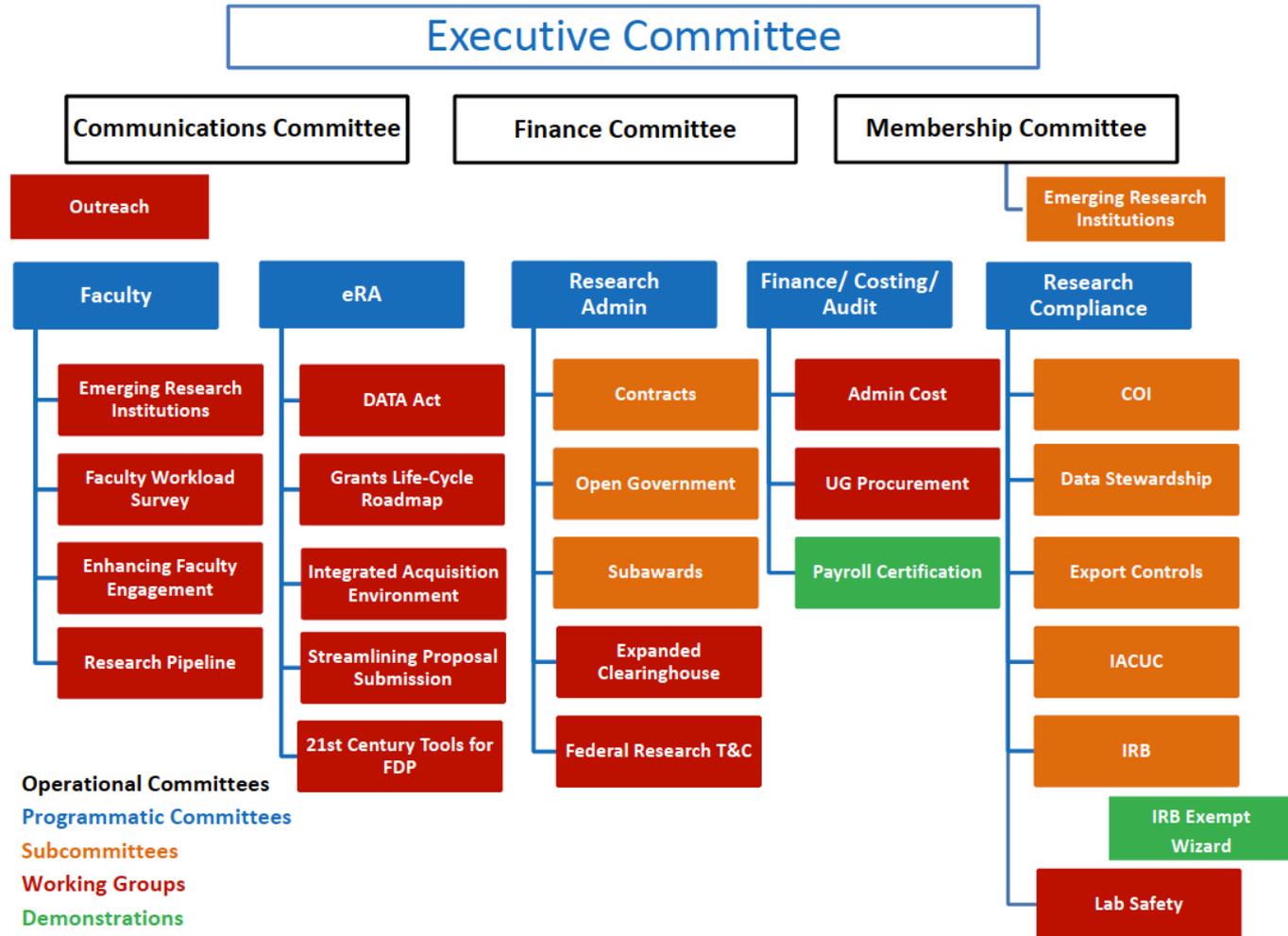


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- **Question #7 – How is FDP organized?**



Organizational Structure





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- **Question #8 – What is expected of my institution as a member?**



Expectations of Members

Institutional representatives are expected to:

- Attend regular FDP meetings
- Participate on **committees**
- Participate on **working groups and task forces**
- Serve as **advocates** for their institutional colleagues

Expenses for attendance are borne by the institutions



Participation

ATTEND THE MEETINGS

Meeting formats vary to fit function

- Broad plenary sessions
- Break out sessions for committee, working groups, etc.
- Networking opportunities

BE IN THE KNOW

Communication is facilitated through

- FDP Website and Listservs (look for “Mailing Lists”)
- Announcements at meetings
- Meeting reports



Getting Involved

- **Question #9 – How do I get more involved?**
- Identify key committee
 - Attend
 - Contribute
 - Volunteer



Some Current Activities

- Address Uniform Guidance requirements for procurement
- Conduct third Faculty Workload Survey
- Develop data repository for streamlined subrecipient monitoring
- Participate in the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014 (DATA Act) pilot
- Laboratory Safety

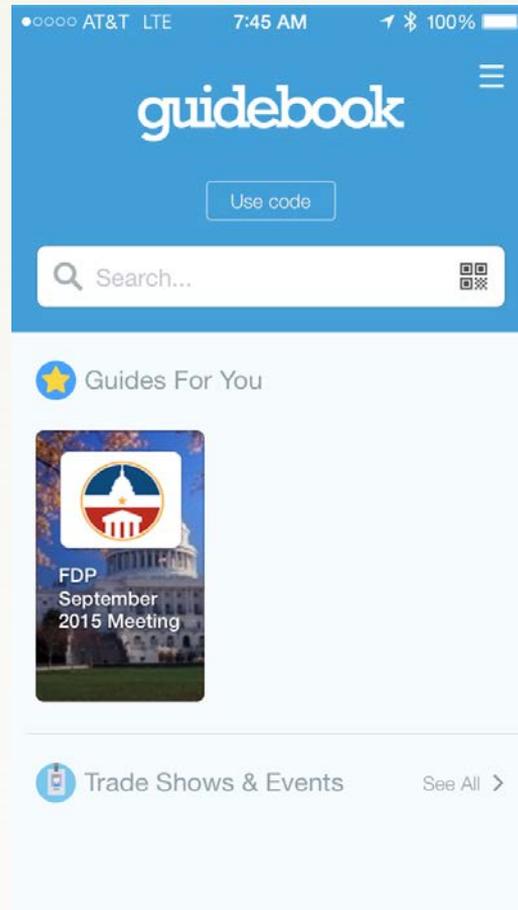


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- **Question #10 – Anything else?**



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**SEE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION APPENDED TO
THIS PRESENTATION**



Questions?

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HISTORY OF THE FDP



Phase VI: 2014-2020



Phase V: 2008-2014

Phase IV: 2002-2008



Phase III: 1996-2002

Phase II: 1988 Federal Demonstration Partnership



Phase I: 1986 Florida Demonstration Project

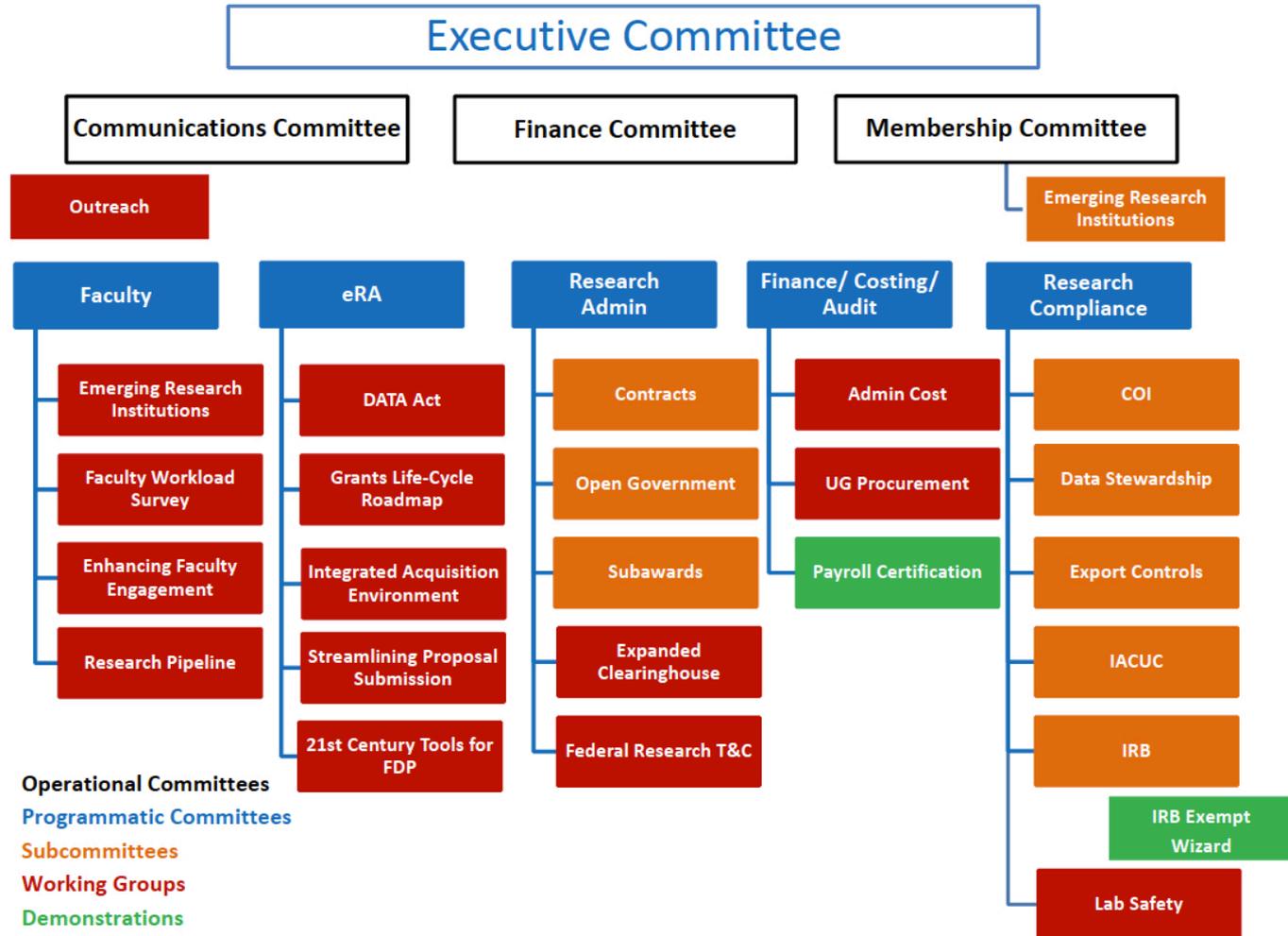


Pre-FDP: 1985 Hearing and Report by GUIRR





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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- **Provides general direction of FDP activities**

- Two (2) institutional members (one faculty, one research administrator)
 - The research administrator representative on the Executive Committee assumes the role of Chair for a three year period
- Two (2) federal agency representatives (one program and one administrative)
- One (1) representative from the Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine
- The FDP Executive Director
- One (1) senior federal science official (appointed by the Office of Science and Technology Policy)
- Co-chairs from each of the FDP operational committees



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- **Responsible for Membership Issues Affecting FDP Activities**
 - Conducts new attendee activities at meetings
 - Evaluates/recommends requests for additional affiliate membership
 - Encourages increased federal participation
 - Facilitates transition process for new FDP phases
 - Oversees nomination/election procedures
 - Supports ERI's participation
 - Manages Annual Reporting process



FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **Responsible for FDP Financial Issues**
 - Reviews annual budgets
 - Sets financial-related policies and procedures
 - Monitors the payment of dues



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

- **Responsible for the FDP Public Image**
 - Approves FDP publications (printed or electronic)
 - Provides direction for the FDP web site
 - Oversees the FDP Biannual Report
 - Compiles/disseminates meeting proceedings
 - Develops/distributes outreach materials



FACULTY COMMITTEE

- Serves as the forum for faculty representatives to discuss and develop faculty input on all FDP activities and FDP administration.
- The Committee meetings are used to share information from other operational and programmatic committees.
- Opportunity for faculty to incubate and develop new activity proposals.
- As needed, the Faculty Committee develops surveys of faculty at member institutions to garner necessary information to direct proposed activities.



ERA COMMITTEE

- Identifies opportunities to reduce administrative burden in areas of electronic processes and communications with federal agencies.
- Informs the federal e-grants activities by providing institutional input.
- Support the development of improved electronic interfaces between the government and the research community.
- Provides IT consultation for demonstrations, pilots, and committees as requested.
- Examines ways for FDP to function in the digital age.



ERA COMMITTEE

- ERA Committee Activities
 - JAD Joint Application Design team with Grants.gov
 - SciENCv Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae (Researcher Profile Portal)
 - Requirements for Research Management Systems
 - Survey on Applicant Investment in Grants.gov
 - Grant Reporting Information Project (GRIP)
 - Rich Media in Grant Applications



RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- Identifies opportunities to make the administrative requirements imposed by federal sponsors simpler and less costly without compromising accountability.
- This includes contracting, proposal, award and subaward requirements and processes.
- Concerned with general research administration areas not targeted for coverage by other standing committees.



FINANCIAL, AUDIT & COSTING POLICY COMMITTEE

- This subcommittee explores opportunities to simplify financial, audit, or cost policies without compromising accountability.
- Current initiatives
 - Administrative Cost Working Group
 - Project Certification
 - Procurement Standards Working Group



RESEARCH COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

- Reviews existing and new requirements imposed by federal regulations related to:
 - Human research participant protections
 - Animal use and care
 - Conflicts of interest (individual and institutional)
 - Objectivity in research
 - Export controls
- Efforts focus on
 - Identification and harmonization of requirements across federal agencies
 - Reduction of redundancies and unnecessary burdens
 - Identification of good practices for implementing the requirements³⁵