

**COUNCIL ON GRANTSMANSHIP AND RESEARCH
Minutes**

**2009 Spring meeting
April 2, 2009
9:00am – 1:00 pm**

Attendees: D. J. Swepston (NSU), Kathi Schoonover (NSU), Nora Finnegan (NSU), Gerry Cherry (UCO), Meredith Jones (ECU), Beverly Endicott (UCO), Shabnum Boums (SWOSU), Berva Pool (SWOSU), Linda Mason (OSRHE), Melissa Howe (USAO), Anita Blankenship (SWOSU), Betty Beall (UCO), Camille Holt (NWOSU), Vivian Whitney (ECU), Susan Foster (NSU)

9:00-9:30 Networking and Coffee

9:30-12:00 Business meeting

12:00-1:00 Working Lunch

The tenth semi-annual meeting of the Council on Grantsmanship and Research was held in the Skyview Conference Room of the Memorial Student Union Center on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Vivian Whitney, CRA.

- I. **Welcome and Opening:** Words of welcome were given by Dr. Vivian Williamson Whitney, CRA before turning the meeting over to the new chair, Susan Foster, CRA. Anita Blankenship introduced Dr. Sonobe as he welcomed to the Council to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus.
- II. **Washington Earmarks**
Bob Horn and Brian Lopina from Patton Boggs law Firm in Washington, D.C. discussed earmarked money and appropriation bills. Both are willing to help regional universities individually or collaboratively with possibilities of research growth.
- III. **Introductions**
Attendees self-introduced and stated their university position.
- IV. **Minutes**
A motion was made and seconded to postpone reading/approval of the Fall 2008 minutes until the Fall 2009 CGR meeting.

V. Old business

- a. A discussion resulted in a possible collaboration meeting for regular and 2-year colleges at the state meeting during summer or during the Oklahoma Summer Grant Writing Institute. Dr. Linda Mason will report back with more information on definite dates.
- b. Susan Foster shared the time and effort sheet as well as policies and procedures created at Northeastern State University. Foster shared research that Northeastern State University conducted on campus, and actions taken.
- c. Professional development was discussed by Dr. Linda Mason who will post continued literature review on her website for all to use.

VI. New Business

- a. Gerry Cherry and Betty Beall held a discussion regarding CGR lapel pins. A motion was made and seconded to purchase label pins for CGR members. Betty and Gerry will research the most cost effective companies that may not require an order of 100 minimum pins. Some members mentioned possible donations from their campuses to purchase label pins. More information will be posted on the list serve.
- b. Dr. Linda Mason shared professional development on (SURA), Southeastern Universities Research Association. She encouraged members to consider this group when looking for energy collaboration as well as information with campus administrators.
- c. Dr. Vivian Whitney discussed building capacity at regional universities through external evaluations. She shared a success story of ECU hiring a UCO evaluator. The partnership developed a collegial relationship offering great collaboration and capacity building. Dr. Vivian Whitney encouraged regional universities to share contacts with each other and to strengthen collaborative effort. Dr. Whitney suggested each campus to submit list of experts in different fields for external purposes.

VII. Fall 2009 Meeting: location and date

UCO offered to hold the Fall 2009 meeting in Edmond, Oklahoma. The date will be discussed and all members will be notified.

VIII. News and Events

- a. Dr. Linda Mason reported that news on the stimulus package can be found at Patton Boggs website or at the grants.gov. website.
- b. Dr. Linda Mason handed out stimulus funding briefs.
- c. Gerry Cherry questioned how other CGR members are informing their universities regarding the stimulus package. Due to the complication of daily changes on the Internet, most members responded with suggestions of forwarding e-mails and phone calls.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Spring 2009 meeting of the Council for Grantmanship and Research.