

ICR Governing Board Meeting

November 12, 2021 12:00 – 1:00pm

Meeting By Zoom: <https://csupueblo.zoom.us/j/95780770453>

In attendance: Dr. Joanna Zeiger, Dr. Chad Kinney, Dr. Cinnamon Bidwell, Sal Pace, Skip Spear, Elyse Contreras, Sherard Rogers, Scott McWhorter, Dr. Malik Hasan, John Lord, Dr. Jon Reuter, Dr. Tim Mottet and Wendy Fairchild

Meeting Minutes:

I. Welcome (12:00-12:03pm) Dr. Bidwell

II. Consent Agenda (12:03-12:08pm) Dr. Bidwell

- Motion to approve the consent agenda – Dr. Reuter and Mr. Pace motion, and all vote yes
 - a. Minutes from 09/10/2021
 - Approved with corrections to Dr. Joanna Zeiger's name
 - b. Emerging Scientist Award – Update
 - c. ICR – Research Infographic Preview

III. Introduce New Gov. Board Member – Elyse Contreras, MPH (12:08-12:13pm) Dr. Bidwell

- Elyse replaces Mara Brosy-Wiwchar - as CDPHE representative

IV.I CR Gov. Board – CSU Pueblo MOU (12:13-12:38pm) Dr. Mottet, Dr. Bidwell and Mr. Spear

- a. Facilities and Administration (see Executive Summary)
- b. Updates related to CDHE
- c. Discussion and Vote
 - Dr. Mottet provided itemized list of services to ICR annually – no costs for greenhouse of conference – answered Dr. Hasan's question about how costs were arrived – wanted to verify as this was important to determine this was legitimate amount and is completely comfortable with where this is
 - Dr. Hasan is uncomfortable with numbers – serious concerns – no problem with Chad but feels \$463,000 is somewhat inflated- however, he believes we can't do better than \$163,000 fee and believes we are getting a good outcome from this cost - would like to see GB having control over hiring director of ICR
 - Skip Spear – Director's role is structured – language taken from our statute which states Director is employee of CSU Pueblo – CSU Pueblo is the hiring officer of director
 - Dr. Bidwell – GB controls budget and controls the purse strings – Consistent with the statute, the Director is employee of the institution of higher education that serves as host of Institution – Director is from the host institution – GB has the option to seek a change to the statute – currently we are paired with Higher Education
 - Mr. Spears read the statute aloud as written – no joint hiring identified
 - Dr. Hasan noted his objection to this interpretation of the statute and indicated he wished to resign from the GB – suggested Mr. Spear may not represent the ICR's best interest– asks what is the purpose of GB? – says ICR should be independent – GB derelict in fiduciary responsibility if it does not control the hire of the Director
 - Mr. Spear suggested to Dr. Hasan that the language in the statute is consistent with the MOU on these issues, and to change it, he would recommend a statutory change. To make the statutory change, this needs to go to the legislature.
 - Dr. Mottet adds that he doesn't hire independently – team effort – sees positive future for the ICR - not possible to make these changes outside of the legislative process
 - Dr. Bidwell – we (Dr. Reuter, Mr. Pace, and Dr. Bidwell) have worked diligently on this and this issue has been brought to the Board previously. Dr. Hasan's opinion on the matter has been heard
 - Mr. McWhorter expressed concern that Dr. Hasan statements have taken up extended

- discussion time and may be disrespectful to other GB members
- Dr. Kinney – CDHE indicated they did not wish to continue forward with any contracts for ICR – do not have a full understanding for this decision – trying to engage in plan with CSU system to repair the original arrangement for CDHE to execute a few contracts on behalf of the ICR on an annual basis
- Dr. Bidwell – views this a bit of a “hick-up” with communication in regard to the MOU but hopes to resolve with communication efforts already underway.
- Dr. Zeiger and Dr. Reuter motion to approve the MOU – all registered votes were a “yes” except Dr. Hasan
- Dr. Hasan stated he was leaving the meeting

V. Budget Items – (12:38-12:50) Dr. Kinney and Dr. Bidwell

a. FY23 Updates

- Dr. Kinney intends to teach 1 course next semester – will create a 25% salary savings during that period– 2 uses proposed –
 1. Additional money to Sr. Scientist to support a project in collaboration with a Visiting Scientist
 2. Awards to Emerging Scientists – would like the remaining salary saving to go to this award - \$4000 (1 semester only)

b. Salary Savings – ICR Senior Scientist/Visiting Scientist Request (See Executive Summary)

- One semester only
- Dr. Reuter supports this as both uses directly support research, Dr. Bidwell agrees

c. Greenhouse Request (See Executive Summary)

- MOU between CSUP and GB moving in right direction – requests for greenhouse project be released so that this project can be executed and money spent by end of fiscal year
- Mr. Reuter –Should the ICR change host institutions, what is the ICR’s portion of the greenhouse and how would it get divided should a separation occur? Chad states this is an unknown and likely a future challenge
- Ms. Contreras asks about \$10,000 salary savings – is there a process to apply or is it up to your sole discretion? Dr. Kinney states this is up to the GB to determine as a revision to the approved budget. Does a competitive process need to be employed?
- Mr. Spears says this one large line item Board approves so no legal challenge here
- Dr. Bidwell – strive to make the vast majority of research monies available in a competitive program – however a small amount of support to research executed by the ICR Sr. Scientist
- With the departure of several GB members quorum no longer present.
- Will vote when quorum present – can do electronically – most present support this– Dr. Kinney will reach-out to Board.
- All board members still present approved these two budget requests and Dr. Kinney to pursue electronic votes from Board Members not present at the meeting at this time.

VI. Annual Board Training (Virtual-Zoom) – Date and Time (12:50-12:55pm) Mr. Spear

Possible Dates: Nov. 19th at 12:00pm

Dec. 3rd at 12:00pm

- Mr. Spears says training legally required each year

VI. Public Comment (12:55-1:00pm) Dr. Bidwell

- Mr. Spears compliments group regarding the MOU

VII. Adjourn