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To: Campus Research Community

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Re: Research Administration Changes

Academic Affairs and University Enterprises, Inc. (UEI) are shifting how grants, contracts, and other sponsored agreements are managed on campus. This will allow Academic Affairs to focus more effectively on research development, including expanding faculty and student research funding, growing the campus research infrastructure, and advancing both new and existing centers of academic and research excellence to support new local, state and federal partnerships.

Our emerging campus Strategic Plan contains a renewed emphasis on the transformative impact of innovative scholarship and research, which affords us a unique opportunity to refocus our energy and resources in targeted ways. The most notable structural changes, effective immediately, are:

1. Within Academic Affairs, the Office of Research Administration is changing its name to the Office of Research Affairs. Under Research Affairs, our office will have three primary core functions:
   a. Sponsored Project Proposals, including proposals, contracts, agreements, etc.
   b. Research Development, including faculty, infrastructure and student support
   c. Research Integrity and Compliance, including IRB, IACUC, conflict of interest, patents and copyright, responsible conduct of research, and other oversight functions

2. Effective immediately, the administration of funded grants and contracts will be fully within the purview of UEI, and Monica Kauppinen and her staff will report to Jim Reinhart, UEI Executive Director. This UEI unit will be renamed Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA). The SPA unit will continue to focus their considerable expertise on grant and contract administration, the management of discretionary funds and UEI award programs, and other UEI and campus activities as assigned.

As a result of the above, you will see new websites relatively soon and, over the course of the summer, new initiatives will begin to take shape. Research Affairs will be at http://www.csus.edu/research, and Sponsored Programs Administration information may now be found at http://www.csus.edu/sp. The offices will remain co-located to ensure continued constant communication between the units.

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