

Office of Sponsored Programs & Research Evaluation Survey, Fall 2021

Introduction

The Office of Sponsored Programs & Research (OSPR, formerly known as the Office of Sponsored Research OSR), has gone through an extended transition since the departure of Angie Rochat, the original and longstanding Director, in August of 2019. Shannon Malone, Assistant Controller, served as the Interim Director until April 2020, when Michael Brown was hired as Director. Marnie Clay served as Grants & Contracts Specialist in the office assisting with pre and post award support duties from August 2019 until June 2021 when she took a full time faculty position at FLC. Nonette Saville, formerly with the FLC Accounting Office, was hired as the OSPR Support Specialist in August 2021 and her duties are currently focused on post award grant management (award set up, compliance, closeout, etc.).

Figure 1 –

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Question 5: Comments/Suggestions/Feedback

The final question was an open-ended invitation to provide comments, suggestions or feedback. There were 9 responses. Generally, the responses can be grouped into the following categories:







Concerns over the effectiveness of OSPR: Competence/technical expertise/availability of staff, insufficient staffing, appropriate funding opportunities are being missed (4 comments)

usually spending down grant funds and resolving budget errors. That could be mitigating by taking a more proactive approach with PIs over the course of their grants (quarterly budget audits for example, to make sure spending is on track and being allocated to the correct accounts).

With the pandemic and staff turnover, maintenance of a regular and more intentional communication flow has been inconsistent and not a high priority. This needs to change, and the POC website needs to be updated and streamlined. There is redundancy and outdated information.

There needs to be continued discussion at the appropriate levels and venues about concerns over administrative support for grants and a more strategic/intentional approach to grant seeking at FLC.

1. Respondent Status

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Administrator: principle investigator (PI) or project director (PD) with one or more active grants 	6	20%	n/a	n/a
Administrator: principle investigator (PI) or project director (PD) with one or more recently active grants 	1	3%	n/a	n/a
Faculty: principle investigator (PI) or project director (PD) with one or more active grants 	17	57%	n/a	n/a
Faculty: principle investigator (PI) or project director with one or more recently active grants 	2	7%	n/a	n/a
Staff: principle investigator (PI) or project director (PD) with one or more active grants 	3	10%	n/a	n/a
Staff: principle investigator (PI) or project director (PD) with one or more recently active grants 	1	3%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents	30	100%		
	(skipped this question)	11		

2. OSPR services frequency

	Frequently	Often	Seldom	Never or N/A	Response Total	Points	Avg
Searching for Funding Opportk							

