RAC Minutes 4/7/11:

Karen Breese had brief announcement regarding the F&A Rate agreement and which departments will be surveyed (process beginning April 18th).

OGRD Items:

a. Updates – Completed and coming soon (Brenda Griffin):
   i. OGRD has been in the process of updating its policies and procedures on our website. Some have been updated already, while others are forthcoming.
   ii. Examples of potential updated guidelines: Budgeting; proposal processing; excess compensation; distinguishing between subcontracts; Personal Service contracts and Purchased Services Contracts

b. How is the new eREX approval process coming? (Derek Brown):
   i. Beginning February 1st, departments have been required to use the newest version of the eREX form and follow the new electronic approval process. Derek opened up a discussion on how this new process was coming, following our January RAC meeting. Not much discussion was generated from departments. One concern was raised about an internal process to a specific College, which will be discussed within their Area. No other concerns raised.
   ii. What OGRD looks for upon first glance: Cost Share items, manual F&A Splits, space allocation and remodeling items, Lead PI approval and correctly listed area and department contacts.

c. OGRD YouTube Channel (Derek Brown):
   i. OGRD has created a YouTube channel and the first two videos have been posted. Both videos have been eREX Form related, however OGRD plans on creating other videos covering a wide range of topics.
   ii. Derek asked if anyone has suggestions for future clips, and Peggy Bowe from Vancouver suggested Cost Sharing as a possible topic.
   iii. If you have any other topics you may be interested in seeing a YouTube clip on please email ogrd@wsu.edu with your suggestions.
   iv. Link to OGRD YouTube Channel: http://www.youtube.com/user/WSUOGRD

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