



Advancing Effective Research Policy

Membership Meeting in Washington D.C.

June 5-6, 2025

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

All session times are in ET. This meeting will take place at the [Washington Marriott in Georgetown](#). As speakers and sessions are confirmed, this agenda will be updated. Check back on COGR's website under [Meeting Materials](#) for the latest.

Thursday, June 5

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks: COGR Board Chair Naomi Schrag, Columbia University, and President Matt Owens

9:15 am – 10:30 am

Facilities and Administrative Costs with [Kelvin Droegemeier](#), Professor of Atmospheric Sciences and Special Advisor to the Chancellor for Science and Policy, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Background Materials

- [National Organizations Announce Joint Effort to Develop a New Indirect Costs Funding Model \(April 8, 2025\)](#)
- [F&A Cost Reimbursement Materials Resource Page](#)
- [COGR March 2025 Updates on F&A \(pg.27\)](#)

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Legal Headwinds: Navigating Litigation, Policy Shifts, and Federal Pressure on Higher Ed

Panelists will include [Stephanie Gold](#), Partner, Hogan Lovells, and [Jessica Ellsworth](#), Partner, Hogan Lovells

Background Materials

- [COGR's 2025 Administration Transition Resource Page \(including litigation updates\)](#)
- [COGR March 2025 Update: Status of Litigation Concerning Previously Issued EO's \(pg. 9\)](#)

11:45 am – 1:15 pm **Lunch**

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1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Research Security in Focus: Updates and Priorities from NSF with *Sarah Stalker-Lehoux*, Deputy Chief of Research Security and Strategy and Policy, National Science Foundation

Background Materials

- [COGR March 2025 Update: SECURE Analytics Report Announcement \(pg. 19\)](#)
- [COGR February 2025 Update: COGR Meets with Representatives of the SECURE Center and SECURE Analytics \(pg.19\)](#)
- [Research Security at the National Science Foundation](#)

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, Director, National Institutes of Health

Background Materials

- [COGR Letter to Dr. Bhattacharya on Advancing the Vital Partnership Between NIH and U.S. Research Institutions: Clarifying NIH Policy Priorities \(April 9, 2025\)](#)
- [Actionable Ideas to Improve Government Efficiency Affecting the Performance of Research](#)
- [Jay Bhattacharya Begins Tenure as 18th Director of the National Institutes of Health \(April 1, 2025\)](#)

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm Break

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm

Securing Tomorrow, Today: Cybersecurity Updates from DARPA with *Jesse Watkins*, Deputy Director, Security and Intelligence Directorate, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

Background Materials

- [COGR's Overview of DoD Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification 2.0-Effective December 16, 2024](#)
- [COGR Comments on Federal Acquisition Regulations Controlled Unclassified Information Proposed Rule](#)

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Exploring University-Industry Collaborations at a Pivotal Moment: From Basic Research to Clinical Trials with *Tony Boccanfuso*, President and CEO, University Industry Demonstration Partnership (UIDP)

Background Materials

- [UIDP Strengthen and Modernize U-I Partnership Initiative](#)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Cocktail Reception

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Dinner

Friday, June 6

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Navigating the Storm: Institutional Perspectives on a Changing Federal Landscape

With over 200 senior research administrators in the room, this session is focused on discussion and sharing among attendees. Attendees will choose a table with an assigned 'table topic' including: F&A, research security, compliance issues, contracts & grants administration, and more. Each table will be provided discussion starter questions for the assigned topic that are focused on practical and institutional challenges. This is a unique opportunity to exchange perspectives, surface common concerns, and identify practical strategies in response to today's rapidly evolving federal policy environment. Come ready to engage, learn, and contribute. Report outs will be summarized electronically and discussed by an expert panel.

Background Materials

- [COGR's March 2025 Update](#)

9:30 am- 9:45 am Break

9:45 am- 10:45 am

On the Hill and In the Ledger: Legislative and Federal Budget Outlook

Panelists will include [Deborah Altenburg](#), Vice President for Research Policy and Advocacy, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), [Matthew Greenwald](#), Associate Vice President, Office of Federal Relations, University of Chicago, and [Alessandra Zimmerman](#), Senior Manager, R&D Policy, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

10:45 am- 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Committee Reports and Hot Topics

COGR Committee Chairs will provide important updates on Committee initiatives and issues they're closely engaged in, with a focus on hot topics. Speakers include [Jeremy Forsberg](#), Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Texas at Arlington and Costing and Financial Compliance (CFC) Chair, [Lisa Mosley](#), Executive Director, Office of Sponsored Projects, Yale University and Contracts & Grants Administration (CGA) Chair,

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Deborah Motton, Executive Director, Research Policy Analysis & Coordination, University of California President's Office and Research Ethics & Compliance (REC) Chair, Jennifer Ponting, Associate Vice President for Research Administration, University of Chicago and Research Security & Intellectual Property (RSIP) Chair.