



**October 2023 MEETING AGENDA
WASHINGTON MARRIOTT HOTEL
October 26-27, 2023**

Thursday, October 25, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Welcome & Opening Announcements:** COGR Board Chair Jeffrey Silber and COGR President Matt Owens
- 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. **COGR’s F&A Institutional Survey: Results & Updated Analysis:** Jeremy Forsberg, Vice President for Research Administration at the University of Texas at Arlington, will present an update on the results from the F&A Survey conducted in Spring 2023. F&A Cost Rates by Institution were released in August, new reports continue to be released, and a capstone report is expected to be released in 2024.
- 10:30-10:40 a.m. **Break**
- 10:40-11:40 a.m. **Revisions to Uniform Guidance:** Proposed revisions were posted on September 22 via an OMB blog and is now posted in the in the Federal Register as of October 5. With a 60-day public comment period in mind (and responses due December 4), COGR leaders will present an overview of the proposed revisions and discuss strategies and timeline for the COGR response. David Kennedy, Director of Costing and Financial Compliance, and Krystal Toups, Director of Contracts & Grants Administration will moderate the panel. Panelists for this session include Sarah Axelrod, Assistant Vice President, Office of Sponsored Programs, Harvard University, Stephanie Endy, Associate Vice President for Research, Brown University, and MC Gaisbauer, Business and Integration Manager, University of California San Francisco.
- 11:45 – 12:00 Noon: **Demystifying the Academic Research Enterprise: Becoming a Successful Scholar in a Complex and Competitive Environment:** Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier will provide a brief overview on topical themes from his upcoming book due to be published in 2024. Dr. Droegemeier is a Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and previously served as Director of the Office of Science & Technology (OSTP), Vice Chair of the National Science Board and served several years as a member of the COGR Board of Directors.
- 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. – **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – **Guest Speaker Robert Costa:** COGR is delighted to host acclaimed journalist and bestselling author, Robert Costa, Chief Election & Campaign correspondent for CBS News, as our guest speaker. Mr. Costa will provide insights on the dynamics driving key national leaders and the two major parties, as well as on the challenges for both ahead of the 2024 election. Before joining CBS News, Costa co-wrote "Peril," a # 1 New York Times bestseller, with Bob Woodward, and worked for years at The Washington Post and MSNBC. He is also the former moderator of "Washington Week" on PBS.
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – **Break**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – **Updates from the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) with Director Sheila Garrity**
- 3:00 p.m. -3:15 p.m. - **Break**

- 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – **Multi-Agency Panel on Research Security Risk Assessment & Analysis:** Panelists for this session include Julie Anderson, Director, Office of Research, Technology, and Economic Security, U.S. Department of Energy, Jeremy Ison, Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of Energy, Rebecca Keiser, Chief of Research Security Strategy and Policy, National Science Foundation, and Bindu Nair, Director of Basic Research, Department of Defense.
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – **GAO Efforts Impacting Academic Research:** Candice Wright, Director, Science, Technology Assessment and Analytics, GAO, will discuss various initiatives GAO is covering in the academic research space including the GAO report on NIH foreign subrecipients. She will be joined by John Dicken, Director, Health Care, GAO, to discuss GAO’s report on Institutional Review Boards.
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – **Cocktail Reception & Buffet Dinner**
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – **75th Anniversary Celebration**

Friday, October 26, 2023

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. - Buffet **Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – **Institutional Cost of Compliance & Administrative Burden: Where Do We Go From Here?** A panel discussion on administrative and cost burden for institutions in complying with recently implemented policies and regulations on research security, data management, upcoming changes to the Uniform Guidance, and more. This session will include a summary of COGR’s 9/27 research security workshop and preview of an upcoming survey, as well as a discussion on the broader impact that complying with increasing regulations has (and will have) on the U.S. research enterprise. This session will be moderated by Kristin West, Director of Research Ethics & Compliance, and David Kennedy, Director of Costing and Financial Compliance. Panelists for this session include Bruce Morgan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Administration, University of California Irvine, and Geeta Swamy, Associate Vice President for Research at Duke University.
- 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. – **Update on Legislative Landscape:** Matt Hourihan, Associate Director of R&D and Advanced Industry with the Federation of American Scientists (FAS) and Julia Jester, Deputy Vice President for Government Relations and Public Policy with the Association of American Universities (AAU), will provide an update and outlook on legislative issues affecting research institutions.
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – **COGR Committee Reports & Hot Topics.** COGR Committee Chairs will provide an update on Committee initiatives, with a focus on hot topics.
- 12:00 Noon – **Adjournment**