

Final FLEX meeting notes – 8/24/11

Attendees:

Sheila Clifford – MCG
Sue Ferreira – GCS
Olga Carr – GCS
Christina Cuellar – G&G
Kelly Servant – G&G
Wendy Huntington – CIS
Karen Schwamb – AOPE
Sue Tomeo – Bio
Shirley Cabral McDonald – PO
Helen Gordon – CIS
Anita Norton – Admin
Lisa Smith – Alvin Faith Hampshire - SSSG

- 1) New NSF warning messages
 - a. PROPOSAL ERRORS - prevent submission
 - b. PROPOSAL REQUIRED ITEMS – will allow submission but may cause the proposal to be returned without review
 - c. PROPOSAL WARNINGS – will allow submission
- 2) Lead institution must load a Data Management statement and a Postdoc Mentoring Statement (Drafts are ok) before collaborators can submit their proposals
Chem likes to get its collab props (where WHOI is NOT the lead) out of the way ASAP; this new regulation throws a wee wrench into this plan.
- 3) Budget Detail in Supplemental Documentation...or not.
Non-Geosciences Program Managers do not seem to like the WHOI Budget Detail as an inclusion (as the instructions indicate!). However, Geo still does. Therefore, be careful whether you are answering an odd call, or a regular deadline. There is even an indication that NSF “admins” may force all Program Managers to follow the rules, but we haven’t heard that yet.
- 4) Coverage total dollars often do not match the total of the 1030s. One trick seems to be leaving Fastlane entirely and re-logging on to the proposal. This seems to fix the problem; but check to be sure.
- 5) According to a 1/18/11 NSF message on Fastlane, the Federal Funding & Accountability Act makes it necessary for us to enter the place of performance on our coversheets. Olga and Sue will get back to us as to the correct address for WHOI.

Other items –

We will be required at some point to use the WHOI grants C&P so please run c&ps for your PIs, compare them to what you expect to have, and send any questions/problems to Helen. Our development time is running out, and we can’t get the web portal version developed until we are happy with how records are pulled from the Version screen C&P.

The ONR checklist no longer needed.

A reminder on how to find Proposals older than 2 years in the navigation window was reviewed.