**Grant Coordinators Meeting**

**September 18, 2014**

**ISU Uniform Guidance (UG) Steering Committee Update**

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has combined many federal circulars, including A-21 and A-110, into a single guidance document.  This combined document is known as "Uniform Guidance" and is located at 2 CFR 200 (pdf file available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/12/26/2013-30465/uniform-administrative-requirements-cost-principles-and-audit-requirements-for-federal-awards#h-2300>).

Federal agencies are currently developing their implementation plans under this guidance and these new regulations will become effective on December 26, 2014.

An ISU Uniform Guidance Steering Committee with seven workgroups was formed in June 2014. The seven workgroups are:

* Costing
* Conflict of Interest
* Effort Reporting
* Preaward
* Postaward and Property
* Purchasing/Procurement
* Subrecipient Monitoring

Committee and workgroup members are from ORR, OSPA, Purchasing, SPA and University Counsel.

The steering committee is to assist in institutional decision-making by understanding the UG (and the not-yet-issued agency implementations of the UG), and by reviewing the various workgroup recommendations for ISU changes to policies, guidelines and practices. Recommendations will be submitted to EVPP, VPBF and VPR for approval. Prior to implementation, input will be requested from Fiscal Officers and Grant Coordinators.

The steering committee will probably not be recommending changes to ISU policies and guidelines until some of the agency implementations have been issued. At this time, grant and cooperative agreement proposal budgets should continue to be prepared using the ISU Sponsored Programs Costing Policy and existing computing devices guidelines.

Additional information will be forthcoming on how Iowa State University will address the various impacts from the new UG.