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Subject: Update on NIH Other Support Notice and FAQs

Dear Colleagues,

This is to update you on some developments regarding the recent NIH [Guide Notice](#) and related [FAQs](#).

We were joined by AAMC, AAU, and APLU in a call earlier today with Mike Lauer, NIH Deputy Director and Director of OER, and Jody Black, OER Deputy Director, during which we communicated key concerns that have been raised by the grantee community. They were very receptive to the issues we raised and agreed that the FAQs could be read to require far more information be disclosed to NIH as Other Support than they really need or intended. As a result of our conversation, they indicated that they will be removing FAQ #6 on approved outside professional activities in the next couple of days. We expect to see some additional clarifications as well. NIH encouraged us to suggest additional clarifications in the form of revisions and new FAQs, and we will be working closely with the other higher ed associations in that endeavor.

Perhaps the most important message we heard is that NIH has NOT substantially changed its expectations of what should be reported. However, the recent cases of foreign influence have exposed activities and resources that should have been reported to institutions and NIH, and were not. The Notice and FAQ are intended to make those requirements more clear.

We will keep you posted as this evolves. Please contact Michelle Christy (who is working with us to cover Lisa Nichols' portfolio for the near term) or me regarding any specific concerns or examples that would be helpful as we move forward with NIH.

Best,

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