David Furman, Information Technology & Risk Compliance
- National Defense Authorization Act, Section 889 Certification – Gov’t contractors have to certify that they are not using the equipment. This process went into effect August, 2020. Please see attachment for reference. If this shows up in any of your paperwork, please forward to David and he will be able to assist you with completion.

Angela Jordan, Research Communications, Development and Learning
- New Internal Funding Program – Social Justice Research Initiative: On Nov 1, had major deadline for internal program. Another deadline coming up on Nov 12 for Social Research Injustice Initiative program. Eligibility criteria the same as the Faculty Development Grant. Look at program guidelines. This grant will offer two $10,000 grants each round. This is a 1-year grant and will begin sometime in 2021. The program’s intent is to be Seed Funding.

Matthew Reichert, Research Communication, Development and Learning
- RCR Requirement for Faculty - This is a reminder that, as of Fall, 2019, all faculty engaged in research and other sponsored and unsponsored projects are required to attend RCR classroom instruction that entail:
  1. Attend, at minimum, three face-to-face training sessions each academic year. The training topics vary year to year. This will help ensure continuity of learning and engagement in fundamentals on academic integrity and research ethics.
  2. To further enhance online training, faculty must participate in the following core classroom sessions within a two-year period:
     - Data Management and Statistical Analysis
     - Research Misconduct
     - Conflict of Interest
- Each academic year, the RCR educational outreach program will be publicized with a complete list of topics and registration details which will be posted on the Research Compliance RCR webpage and the Research Education and Learning Portal:
  https://www.southalabama.edu/departments/research/compliance/responsible-conduct/training.html

Deborah Musgrove, Sponsored Projects Administration
- Cayuse Notes - If you have attachments post routing approval, please make us aware the documents are there so that they can be properly reviewed before sending to sponsor. Make sure the PI certifies the proposal by helping us keep an eye on this so that we do not run into any issues.
As of yesterday, a new process for requiring J numbers – we now have to provide a W-9 form and ACH form, found on the Purchasing website under the Vendor Information tab, Upload the documents when putting in a request for a new sponsor. Once AP supplies us with a new J number. This process may take a little bit longer that it has in the past. The proposal should not be routed until the sponsor/subcontractor has been added to Cayuse. If it is, the proposal will be reopened and should not be routed again until the sponsor is in the system. Please see attachment on the ROC webpage labeled, “Procedure to Request New Sponsor/Subcontractor to Cayuse System”.

FY20 Annual Report - We are currently working on the report, checking and double checking. We have found some routing issues that are being addressed. There was over $100 million in research awarded this year. The report should be posted on the ORED website by early next week.

**Last Scheduled ROC Meeting of the Year:**

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – virtual**