

Council of Councils Operating Procedures

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Overview of Changes to Council Operating Procedures and Vote

- Applicability of Council Operating Procedures
- Major Changes to Operating Procedures Draft of November 16, 2012
- Updating the Operating Procedures
- Discussion and Vote



Overall Scope of the Council Operating Procedures

Closed Session

- NIH-Wide Council Operating Procedure
- Procedures Specific to Common Fund (CF) and Office of Research Infrastructure (ORIP) Applications

Open Session

- CF and ORIP Concept Clearance

Authorities Delegated to Staff

Procedures for Revisions to the Operating Procedures



Council Operating Procedures – Major Changes

Section I. Introduction

- Clarified that the Council advises on policy (rather than develops policy)

Section II.A.

- Added an example of how the Council could recommend changing the order of consideration of applications (designation as High Program Priority for funding)
- Provided examples of the reasons that the Council can consider as the basis for recommending that an application not be funded



Council Operating Procedures – Major Changes

Section II. B. Special Issues Requiring Council Review

- Clarified when individual applications will be provided to Council members upon request

Section II.C. Letters of Appeal

- Added a statement that individual applications for Appeals will be made available to the Council via the ECB.
- Clarified text about appeals including that if an appeal is recommended by Council, NIH staff determine which SRG re-reviews the application.



Council Operating Procedures – Major Changes

Section II.F. CF Application Review

- Corrected statement that en bloc voting is for concurrence (not variance from) the recommendations of the Scientific Review Group

Section II.G. ORIP Application Review

- Clarified that EC review will not be used for review of foreign grant applications.
- Clarified that EC review by two Council members is on behalf of the Council
- Clarified that the results of ORIP EC review will be posted to the ECB in advance of a Council meeting



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Section II.G.3. All Other ORIP Applications

- Clarified that all ORIP applications not reviewed via Early Concurrence or individually discussed by the Council are recommended by an en bloc for vote for concurrence with the recommendations of the SRG.



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Section III.A.1.c. Advisory Role of the Council, Concept Clearance for the CF

- Revised description of Common Fund concept clearance process to reflect current procedure
- Revised to have Common Fund concepts not voted as Yes brought back to Council with additional information to be cleared or voted down at the next meeting.
- Added a step for reporting on Common Fund voting and public input on concepts and the status of the proposed initiatives



Council Operating Procedures – Major Changes

Section III.A.2. Advisory Role of the Council, Concept Clearance for ORIP

- Clarified concept clearance for ORIP programs requires a simple majority vote of the appointed members of the Council

Section IV. Authorities Delegated to Staff

- Clarified that the delegation of authorities is provided with the concurrence of Council



Revisions to the Council Operating Procedures

- Annually, at the September meeting, Council will review the Council Operating Procedures and make recommendations for revision, where appropriate.



Questions?

