Welcome to our monthly highlights bulletin covering the status of the Academic Master Plan’s strategic research initiatives, as well as administration and operations updates. This month’s notable highlights include executing the Rutgers–New Brunswick and Cornell University High-resolution CryoEM Consortium, which will impact neurodegenerative diseases, drug discoveries, vaccine development, and genetics research.

Below are functions led by the OVPR Director and team:

**AMP Life Sciences Alliance**
- Agendas, PPTs, minutes, and communications completed for all meetings
- ESC, PST, and Leadership meetings (35 hours)
- Prepare and lead LSA Pilot Seed Funding Panel Review
- Award Pilot Seed Funding ($240K)
- Write PERC section and edit LSA Final Report
- Supported LSA during the completion of end-of-year strategy and next steps
- Execution of RU–NB/Cornell CryoEM Consortium MOU

**Administration & Operations**
- Meetings scheduled (25)
- Monthly budget review
- AMP budget allocations
- Website updates
- R-COMM meetings for PERC and Cryo-EM Consortium strategy
- Federal Work-Study Student supervision
- OVPR weekly agenda updates
- Human Resources / Staff professional development
- Senior Academic Program Coordinator position recruitment
- OVPR 2023–2024 Annual Report outline updates
- Congrats to Christopher Rios-Sueverkruebbe for his new position at Stony Brook University!

**Other AMP Strategic Initiatives**
- Indirect Cost Waiver benchmark, analysis, and Leadership Strategy Meetings (4)
- Limited Submission Meetings (4)
- Chancellor-reporting Strategic Initiatives ByLaws preparation
- Chancellor-reporting Strategic Initiatives governance structure presentation materials
- Chancellor-reporting Strategic Initiatives strategy with Chancellor Finance Office
- Research Deans Meeting
- Research Development Academy grant application submissions
- Fellow mentorship meetings (6)
- URDD Fellow Final Report

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**NOTABLE MENTIONS – A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO DR. JASON KAELBER**

Dr. Jason Kaelber, Associate Research Professor at the Institute for Quantitative Biomedicine, under the leadership of Dr. Stephen Burley, University Professor and Henry Rutgers Chair, has been instrumental in working with the Office of the Vice Provost for Research to secure the new research core, High-resolution CryoEM Consortium, and build partnerships with Cornell University.

Cheers,

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