Faculty Senate Resource Policies and Allocations Council (RPA)
Annual Report – 2010-11

Members: Gregory Palermo (Chair & Des), Dan Loy (CALS), Travis Sapp (Bus), Kevin Schalinske (CHS), Chris Minion (VetMed), John Jackman (Eng), Arnold Van der Valk (Compensation chair), Kan Wang (Research chair), Mike Owen (Business and Finance chair; president), Andy Hochstatler (LAS), Ex Officio: Steve Freeman (president-elect)

1. Meetings and Process:

The RPA met monthly during the fall, and twice monthly during the spring semester with Executive Vice President and Provost Betsy Hoffman, and assistant vice president Ellen Rasmussen. The RPA provides advisory recommendations to the provost pertaining to budget policies, and development and allocation of resources as they pertain to broadly defined academic advancement of the university. This year, the focus has been on working to develop the FY12 budget, and planning for potential state funding reductions.

a) In addition, the council met monthly during the fall, and twice monthly during the spring semester to conduct other regular business, including review of committee work and review of budget policy proposals, drafting responses to various issues. Agendas for the meetings are on the Faculty Senate website.

2. Committee Work:

The following items were led and developed by the committees of the council:

a) Continued faculty compensation analysis -- by the Committee on Compensation Arnold van der Valk, chair.

b) Continued to establish working relationship with VP for Student Affairs Tom Hill (Ad hoc Committee on Student Affairs; Mike Owen, chair).

c) Committee on Research Planning and Policy worked with VP Research Sharon Quisenberry, under the leadership of chair Kan Wang on a number of issues including: ISURF director search; ISU Publication Endowment fund and Subvention Grant Program improvement; Center/Institute evaluation system and guidelines; Issues related to IRBs, Industry contracts, MTAs and germplasm licenses; A.O.B.

3. Budget Policies and Allocations

a) The council developed several written advisory memos to the provost this year:
   ~ Salary Policy, 11/07
   ~ Salary Policy II, 12/05
   ~ Administrative Service Centers (ASC) Enhancement Requests, 3/08
   ~ ASC Enhancement Requests II, 4/7
   ~ RMM Review Process for Academic ’11-’12, 4/21
b) Provided evaluation and recommendations regarding Externally Driven Cost Increases reported by the Administrative Service Centers (ASCs)

4. Upcoming for Academic ‘11-‘12

John Jackman will chair RPA; new representatives include Kimberly Zarecor (Design); Tony Townsend, incoming chair of the Compensation Committee, will also be a voting member of the RPA.

a) Continue to work with the office of the provost on budget development; monitor budget issues and actual to plan of FY12 Budget – the third full cycle of RMM implementation, and development of procedures, schedule and policies for development of FY13 Budget. This includes advisory input to the following:
~ tuition policy (HEPI targets; market elasticity; financial aid set aside; student and SCH forecasts, etc.)
~ salary and benefits policies (FY13 salary policy, benefits revisions, any further retirement incentive programs, funding pool, etc.)
~ policies for strategic enhancements/reductions for Administrative Service Centers, and colleges (guidelines and criteria that augment the basic Institutional Excellence Fund and Resource Management Fund guidelines; typically these will be differentially applied)
~ FY13 planning proposals by budget units
~ bridge funding criteria (if any)
~ left field impacts (e.g., budget reversions)

b) Review council structure and mission mandate for the Business and Finance Advisory Committee, the IT Advisory Committee and the exploratory liaison relationship with Student Affairs with the objective of re-activating them, revising their missions or sunsetting them.

c) Continue the work of the Committees on Compensation and Research.

d) Distribute Budget Development Evaluation Criteria to Senate representatives on ASC Budget Advisory Committees, and Senate participants on RRC advisory bodies. Build stronger working relationships among the representatives to the various budget advisory committees

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Palermo, Council Chair
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