RPA Agenda: August 17, 8:00AM Provost Conference Room,

(1) Comments / items from the Interim Provost

Items for discussion from Interim Provost Carlson

(2) Discussion of the proposed faculty research support initiative
A proposal for a program of faculty research fellows from the Research Advisory Committee was handed out two meetings ago. This is a “concept” proposal. The action needed from the RPA is to review the proposal and to decide to endorse or not endorse it. If the proposal is endorsed the research committee will work with the administration to prepare a formal program document for approval.

(3) Discussion of the new budget model.
At our last meeting we discussed a report giving an expanded view of the budget model that presented a number of details and also indicated areas where additional work needs to be done by the next budget model committee. We now need to begin the process of identifying specific question about the model itself, and about the impact of the model, and seeking specific answers to these questions. It is expected, given the size and complexity of this model and the process into which it is to fit, that answers to some of our questions will not exist at present but may become the subject of study by the next committee.

I would ask each member to review the model and the “view from 10,000 feet” report and come prepared with a list of specific questions that we can discuss. Do not ignore any question just because you think that someone else may ask it.