Resource Policies and Allocations (RPA) Council
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2012  2:10-3PM  107 LOM

Minutes
Committee Members Present
Dark, Veronica J [PSYCH], Freeman, Steven A [A B E], Hendrich, Suzanne [FSHNH],
Hochstetler, Andrew L [SOC S], Keren, Nir [A B E], Minion, F. C [V MPM], Sapp,
Travis R [FIN], Schalinske, Kevin [FSHNA], Wang, Kan [AGRON], Zarecor, Kimberly
E [ARCH]

Regarding the Committee on Faculty Compensation, John will talk to Tony about the
Faculty Compensation Report. The RPA Council needs to have the report by the
December 7, 2012 meeting. It was noted that an Extra Meritorious Pay Policy (EMPP)
was approved at the University of Iowa. The RPA Council needs an update from the
Committee on Faculty Compensation on the status of our EMPP.

Based on our last meeting with the Provost, we discussed the possibility of inviting the
President’s Chief of Staff, Miles Lackey, to some of our meetings. There was general
agreement that this would be a good idea so that we could have some insight to
university-wide budgeting policies and planning.

Modifications of the Faculty Senate By-Laws were recommended to update the
description of the RPA Council.
1. Change “vice provost for research” to the current title in the research committee
   section
2. In the RPA Council description change -“Serves as the provost’s advisory
   committee on budget and planning. “ to -“Serves as a provost’s advisory
   committee on budget and planning. “

Travis had questions about the status of the tuition scholarship/set-aside. Where will the
funding come from to make up the shortfall? Apparently, this issue is a work in process.
We need to ask the provost about the status of the transition for the tuition set aside.

In a separate issue regarding tuition - when, how, and what should we be providing
feedback on in setting the tuition level? What is the Regent’s checklist for the university
tuition’s request? We haven’t participated in the feedback we have done in the past on
tuition scenarios. This issue should be discussed with the Provost.

Other budget questions that need to be considered include:
1. How do we effectively provide input on budget initiatives?
2. How is the RMM being modified?
3. Where are the funds coming for the 200 faculty proposed by President Leath?
   Where is the faculty involvement on how the university will grow?
Based on our charge (as described in the by-laws), we need to discuss with the Provost how we can accomplish this and what role we need to be playing in the budget evaluation process. For example, based on the contents of Budget Memo 3, how will we provide input to the budget according to the timeline?

Kan reported on the activities of the Committee on Research Planning and Policy. Although the proposal submission process has improved, there are some operational issues concerning OSPA that need to be addressed, especially with NIH proposals.

In our meetings with the Provost, we need to stay focused on our agenda items. We will add reports from Suzanne on UBAC and PBAC to our agenda.